



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY  
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**Cook County Building, Board Room, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**New Items Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 11:00 AM**

**Second Set**

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**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON CONGRESS AND THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO ENSURE CENSUS FUNDING, FAIRNESS, AND ACCURACY**

**WHEREAS**, Census results determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, are used to draw political districts at federal, state and local levels, and affect the distribution of billions of dollars of federal funding annually to local communities for infrastructure and vital services like hospitals and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, an inaccurate census will result in underrepresentation and fewer dollars for many of our most vulnerable communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the perception of cyber-security risks; real cyber-security threats; the digital divide affecting rural, low income, minority, and older households; a growing climate of fear among immigrants, regardless of their legal status; and growing anti- government sentiment in some communities are known factors that can depress response rates considerably; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution requires a count of all persons living in the U.S. on Census Day, regardless of citizenship or legal status; and

**WHEREAS**, new Census Bureau research documenting the growing reluctance of immigrants to participate in surveys and census tests will require expanded research and testing of effective messages and communications avenues to overcome this significant barrier to an inclusive enumeration; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) request to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census threatens the Census Bureau's ability to conduct an inclusive enumeration that accurately reflects the diverse fabric of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the American people must have confidence that the Bureau's leaders will uphold its core principles of protecting confidentiality, sharing expertise, and conducting its work openly and fairly, without regard to partisan interests, and be guided by a commitment to scientific objectivity and excellence and research-based innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure a full, fair and accurate 2020 Census, there must be adequate funding; qualified Census Bureau leadership; and no untested questions; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that Congress and the Secretary of Commerce ought to ensure provide adequate funding

in the final FY 2018 omnibus appropriations bill, continue the tradition of strong, nonpartisan, experienced leadership in the Census Bureau, and reject the DOJ's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that suitable copies of this resolution be delivered by the Cook County Clerk to each member of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

[18-0031](#)

**Presented by:** ANN P. KALAYIL, Chief, Bureau of Asset Management

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Asset Management

**Vendor:** Warehouse Direct, Inc., Des Plaines, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** County-wide office furniture

**Original Contract Period:** 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2016, with three (3) one (1) year renewal options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$1,440,000.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** 10/8/2014, \$800,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** 3/23/2016, \$500,000.00

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** 5/22/2015, \$140,000.00;

11/4/2016, 10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017

**This Increase Requested:** \$384,500.00

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2018 \$384,500.00

**Accounts:** 530 - Various Departments

**Contract Number(s):** 1430-13452A

**Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MBEWBE

waiver.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** This increase and second of three (3) one (1) year renewal options will continue to permit various County Agencies to purchase office furniture products manufactured by Hon, Global, Mayline and Safco.

This contract was awarded through the competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Warehouse Direct, Inc. was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

[18-0032](#)

**Presented by:** ANN P. KALAYIL, Chief, Bureau of Asset Management

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Asset Management

**Vendor:** Norix Group, Inc., West Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** County-wide Office Furniture

**Original Contract Period:** 10/1/2014 - 9/30/2016, with three (3) one (1) year renewal options

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2018

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$200,000.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** 10/8/2014, \$200,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** 1/4/2017, 10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Potential Fiscal Impact:**

**Accounts:** 530 - Various Departments

**Contract Number(s):** 1430-13452B

**Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MBE/WBE waiver.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** This increase and second of three (3) one (1) year renewal options will permit various County Agencies to continue to purchase office furniture products manufactured by Norix.

This contract was awarded through the competitive bidding process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Norix Group, Inc. was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.