



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Technology and Innovation Committee**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room,  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Issued on: 3/4/2026**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

**Vice Chairman Morrison asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

1) George Blakemore - Concerned Citizen

2) Dennis White - Concerned Citizen

3) Jessica Jackson - Concerned Citizen

4) Zoe Leigh - Concerned Citizen

[26-0949](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/17/2025

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to approve 26-0949. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

[26-0034](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

## PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Bureau of Technology

**Vendor:**

Various Law Firms:

Clark Hill, Chicago, Illinois

Norton Rose Fulbright, Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Technology Related Legal Services

**Contract Value:** Program: \$907,731.00

**Contract period:** All contracts: ~~2/15/2026—2/14/2029~~ 3/25/2026 - 3/24/2029 with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Contract Utilization:**

**2508-12101A- Clark Hill:** The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Full MWBE Waiver

**2508-12101B - Norton Rose Fulbright:** The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Full MWBE Waiver.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2026 Spend Authority: \$102,577.00 (BOT) & \$200,000.00 (Sheriff); FY 2027 Spend Authority: \$102,577.00 (BOT) & \$200,000.00 (Sheriff); FY 2028 Spend Authority: \$102,577.00 (BOT) & \$200,000.00 (Sheriff)

**Accounts:** 11000.1009.35805.520830.00000.00000 (BOT), 11100.1214.15530.521054 (CCSO)

**Contract Number(s):**

2508-12101A- Clark Hill (all four categories)

2508-12101B - Norton Rose Fulbright (all four categories)

**Summary:** Requesting authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into contracts with the law firms of Clark Hill and Norton Rose Fulbright to establish a prequalified pool of law firms with specialized experience in providing technology-related legal services for the Bureau of Technology and other County offices. Each of the categories represents an area where BOT and other County offices identified the potential need for the expertise of outside counsel in non-litigation technology-related matters. The four categories are as follows:

Category I - Cybersecurity and Data Breach Management

1. Advise County on issues related to cybersecurity and data breach prevention;
2. Represent and advise County in all aspects related to data breach procedures and response including but not limited to investigative strategies and legal mandates following a suspected data breach; and
3. Communicate directly with third party vendors related to any suspected breach and ensure vendor compliance with applicable procedures to manage the breach impact pursuant to the law.

Category II - Technology Contract Negotiation and Template Drafting

1. Offer legal counsel regarding the County's procurement templates, standard provisions and riders, ensuring compliance with legal requirements, industry best practices, and organizational requirements; and
2. Provide legal support throughout contract negotiations for technology-related transactions, identifying potential risks and liabilities to County and proposing mitigation strategies; and
3. Review and analyze vendor proposals and contract terms, conducting due diligence to assess vendor capabilities, reputation, and compliance with industry standards and regulatory requirements.

Category III - Technology-Related Legal and Regulatory Compliance

1. Provide legal analysis on regulatory impacts and compliance requirements associated with various technologies in the County's internal and external operations; and
2. Assist in development of policies and guidelines to ensure legal and responsible deployment of technology within the County's internal and external operations.

Category IV - Privacy and Data Protection Compliance

1. Advise County regarding legal and regulatory compliance related to privacy and data protection relevant to County's operations, including HIPAA and CJIS; and
2. Assist with regulatory compliance audits, investigations, and inquiries, providing legal representation and strategic guidance to resolve compliance issues and mitigate potential penalties for non-compliance with laws and regulations related to privacy or data protection relevant to the County's operations; and
3. Draft and negotiate data processing agreements, data sharing agreements, and other contractual arrangements with third-parties, ensuring appropriate safeguards personal data, and compliance with legal requirements.

These contracts are awarded through Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to recommend for approval as amended 26-0034. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

[26-0602](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TECHNOLOGY)**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Technology

**Vendor:** Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Countywide technical support and technical services

**Contract Value:** \$4,760,239.20

**Contract period:** 4/1/2026 - 3/31/2029

**Contract Utilization:** The contract-specific goal set on this contract is zero.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY 26 Spend</u>	<u>FY 27 Spend</u>	<u>FY 28 Spend</u>	<u>FY 29 Spend</u>
State's Attorney	\$121,532.45	\$219,616.42	\$227,278.98	\$86,808.90
Sheriff	\$308,863.63	\$329,449.94	\$347,195.02	\$128,693.18
Bureau of Technology	\$343,916.44	\$360,527.36	\$373,655.62	\$143,298.52
County Clerk	\$76,286.69	\$79,581.15	\$82,510.25	\$31,786.12
Circuit Court	\$124,658.01	\$131,539.52	\$136,594.86	\$51,940.84
Assessor	\$90,264.78	\$94,187.65	\$97,370.93	\$37,610.33
Chief Judge	\$171,902.70	\$181,819.04	\$189,300.28	\$71,626.13
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>\$187,087.67</u>	<u>\$196,385.95</u>	<u>\$201,904.96</u>	<u>\$77,953.20</u>
Total	\$1,511,324.27	\$1,593,107.03	\$1,655,810.90	\$629,717.20

**Accounts:**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Charge Account</u>
States Attorney	11100.1250.14245.540130

County Clerk	11306.1110.15050.531670
CCC	11320.1335.15050.540130
Treasurer	11854.1060.10155.520830
Chief Judge	11100.1310.15050.520830
BOT/App Devl	11000.1009.35005.540135
BOT/Server	11000.1009.33940.540135
Assessor	11000.1040.15050.520830
Sheriff	11100.1217.15050.540135

**Contract Number(s):** 2510-11250

**Concurrence:**

BOT concurs on this procurement.

**Summary:** The Bureau of Technology is requesting authorization for approval of a new contract with Microsoft Corporation for Unified Support Services. The contract provides countywide technical support and services including platform health checks, risk assessments, and workshops for Microsoft technologies. It also ensures priority access to Microsoft engineers with guaranteed response times for critical issues affecting Microsoft 365 (Email, Teams, SharePoint and OneDrive), Microsoft Azure (Cloud) and Microsoft Server software.

This is a Sole Source Procurement pursuant to Section 34-139 of the Cook County Procurement Code.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to recommend for approval 26-0602. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

[26-0614](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TECHNOLOGY)**

**Department(s):** Bureau of Technology

**Vendor:** International Business Machines Corporation dba IBM Corporation, Armonk, New York

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Consulting Services for Enterprise Service Business (ESB) Services

**Original Contract Period:** 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2026, with two (2), one-year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2028

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$4,411,115.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 6/24/2021, \$4,411,115.00

**Increase Requested:** \$2,131,044.00

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

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s):** N/A

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals:** N/A

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

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s):** N/A

**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Via: Direct Participation and Partial MWBE Waiver.

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2026 - \$443,967.50, FY 2027 - \$1,065,522.00, FY 2028 - \$621,554.50

**Accounts:** 11000 . 1490 . 15050 . 540135 ( IBM ESB ( AST ESB) Managed Services)  
11569.1009.21120.560225.00000.00000 (Capital Project source)

**Contract Number(s):** 2012-18385

**Concurrence:**

TECHNOLOGY: N/A

**Summary:** The Bureau of Technology is requesting authorization from the Board of Commissioners to amend contract no. 2012-18385 with Applications Software Technology LLC, (AST) to continue to manage the Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) platform. AST was recently acquired by International Business Machines Corporation (IBM). The ESB hosts data exchanges that securely moves sensitive data between County criminal justice offices and external partners. If approved, this amendment will take advantage of the two optional renewal years remaining in the agreement. The platform has enabled seamless interoperability with standards-based integration, automation, and business process reengineering. The ESB is a very successful program and has led to many improvements like the Automated Court Reminder System (ACRS) and end-to-end tracking of the First Appearance Court processes which include requirements from the Pretrial Fairness Act. The Cook County Criminal Justice partners have agreed to continue to leverage the ESB as a platform to automate the exchange of data

between key justice agencies, which includes pushing data to a new data warehouse. By leveraging the existing ESB the overall cost to implement additional data exchanges is lower given our ability to leverage existing components for agencies that actively participate in the ESB program.

This contract was awarded through Task Order Request (TOR) procedures in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to recommend for approval 26-0614. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

[26-0644](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

## **REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Technology

**Report Title:** Chief Information Security Officer Report

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year 2025

**Summary:** This report provides an update on Agencies' adoption of the information Security Framework and a summary of advice and recommendations for each Agency.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to recommend for deferral 26-0644. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

[26-0645](#)

**Presented by:** F. THOMAS LYNCH, Chief Information Officer, Bureau of Technology

**REPORT**

**Department:** Bureau of Technology

**Report Title:** Information Technology Projects Report

**Report Period:** September 2025 - March 2026

**Summary:** A report provided by Offices Under the President, represented by the Bureau of Technology and all other separately elected offices providing semi-annual updates to the Cook County Technology and Innovation committee of the Board of Commissioners regarding information technology projects related to their offices' strategic initiatives.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to recommend for deferral 26-0645. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Scott, seconded by Commissioner Trevor, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** S. Morrison, Degnen, McCaskill, Miller, Scott, Trevor and Vásquez (7)

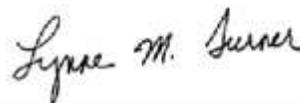
**Absent:** K. Morrison and Aguilar (2)

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice Chairman



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Secretary

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