



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

**New Items Agenda**

**Thursday, March 13, 2025, 10:00 AM**

**Issued on: 3/10/2025**

[25-0037](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 118, Articles IV and V of the Cook County Code are hereby enacted as follows:

**Article IV. - ALTERNATE WATER SOURCES FOR NONPOTABLE APPLICATIONS**

**Sec. 118-50. - General.**

**Sec. 118-51. - Inspection and testing.**

**Sec. 118-52. - Gray Water Systems.**

**Sec. 118-53. - Subsurface irrigation system zones.**

**Sec. 118-54. - Reclaimed (recycled) water systems.**

**Sec. 118-55. - On-site treated nonpotable water systems.**

**Article V. - NONPOTABLE RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS**

**Sec. 118-56. - General.**

**Sec. 118-57. - Nonpotable rainwater catchment systems.**

**Sec. 118-58. - Design and installation.**

**Sec. 118-59. - Signs.**

**Sec. 118.60. - Inspection and Testing.**

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

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[25-0875](#)

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**COOK COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that the Cook County Electrical Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 1 General**

**Chapter 2 Wiring and Protection**

**Chapter 3 Wiring Methods and Materials**

**Chapter 4 Equipment for General Use**

**Chapter 5 Special Occupancies**

**Chapter 6 General Equipment**

**Chapter 7 Special Conditions**

**Chapter 8 Communications Systems**

**Chapter 9 Tables**

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption

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[25-1370](#)

**Presented by:** TIMOTHY P. BLEUHER, Commissioner, Department of Building and Zoning

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Building and Zoning

**Vendor:** Baxter and Woodman, Inc., Carol Stream, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional Engineering Services

**Original Contract Period:** 3/15/2021- 3/14/2024, with two (2), one-year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Renewal and Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** Renewal period 3/15/2025 - 3/14/2026

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$800,000.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 3/14/2021, \$650,000.00

**Increase Requested:** \$200,000.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** 3/15/2024, \$150,000.00

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

**Previous Board Renewals:** 3/15/2024 - 3/14/2025

**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 2025 \$133,333.00, FY 2026 \$66,667.00

**Accounts:** 11000.1160.10155.520830

**Contract Number(s):** 2028-18170

**Summary:** Contract amendment to continue professional engineering services - using our second one year renewal - totaling \$1,000,000.00.

This Contract is awarded via a publicly advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Baxter and Woodman, Inc. was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

[25-0002](#)

**Presented by:** EARL MANNING, Director, Office of Capital Planning and Policy

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Capital Planning and Policy

**Vendor:** Powerhouse Construction Co., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) Services for John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital Improvements Project

**Contract Value:** \$372,807,782.00

**Contract period:** 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2029

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY2025 \$51,006,276.00, FY2026 \$117,752,338.00, FY2027 \$102,901,287.00 FY2028 \$35,409,294.00, FY2029 \$32,869,294, FY2030 \$32,869,294.00

**Accounts:** 11569.1031.11190.560105.00000.00000 and 11569.1031.11190.560107.00000.00000 (Capital Improvement Program)

**Contract Number(s):** H24-25-167

**Concurrences:**

This Item has not been reviewed for Compliance yet as it is being referred to Committee for further review.

The CCH Chief Procurement Officer Concurs.

**Summary:** This request is for Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) services for improvements to Stroger Hospital. Vendor shall provide pre-construction services and complete the construction of assigned projects under a guaranteed maximum price (GMP). The Vendor will be expected to collaborate with architectural and engineering firms to provide preconstruction services to meet the objectives of the County, as well as any regulatory requirements, and shall provide complete construction management services for the construction of new projects, renovation projects, and demolition of up to 3 existing buildings on the campus. Vendor will provide all constructions services through project closeout. The approved projects include building exterior improvements, site upgrades, and interior improvements that are currently, or will be, assigned to multiple design professionals. There are twenty current projects underway that this request will support. Additionally, more than fifteen other projects have been identified

as potential future JHS campus projects.

This contract was awarded through the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. The vendor was selected based upon established evaluation criteria.

[25-0012](#)

**Presented by:** EARL MANNING, Director, Office of Capital Planning and Policy

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department Capital Planning and Policy

**Vendor:** GSG Consultants, Inc., Schaumburg, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Service - Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Oak Forest Health Campus Demolition

**Original Contract Period:** 8/1/2021 - 7/31/2024

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Increase

**Proposed Contract Period:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$3,704,396.12

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 7/25/2024, \$3,207,730.12

**Increase Requested:** \$494,085.00

**Previous Board Increase(s):** \$496,666.00

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

**Previous Board Renewals:** N/A

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

**Previous Board Extension(s):** 7/25/2024, 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025

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

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2025 \$494,085.00

**Accounts:** 11569.1031.11190.560105.00000.00000; 11569.1031.11190.560107.00000.00000, Capital Improvement Program

**Contract Number(s):** H21-25-108

**Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct participation. The prime vendor is a certified MBE.

The CCH Chief Procurement Officer Concurs.

**Summary:** This amendment allows the Department of Real Estate Management to conduct a building assessment to determine whether certain existing Oak Forest Campus buildings can be used for potential redevelopment.

This contract was awarded through a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. The vendor was selected based on established evaluation criteria.

[25-1416](#)

**Presented by:** TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Office of the Public Guardian, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Vendor:** Journal Technologies, Inc, Los Angeles, California

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Juvenile Client Case Management System

**Contract Value:** \$3,405,411.00

**Contract period:** 5/1/2025 - 4/30/2030, with two (2) one-year renewal options

**Contract Utilization:** The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct participation and partial MWBE waiver.

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2025 \$770,000.00, FY 2026 \$1,135,120.00, FY 2027 \$489,213.00, FY 2028 \$499,989.00, FY 2029 \$511,089.00,

**Accounts:** 11620.1305.21120.560225. (Capital Project), 11100.1305.35320.540130 (Maintenance and Subscriptions).

**Contract Number(s):** 2210-05241

**Summary:** The Cook County Public Guardian is appointed by the Chief Judge of Cook County Court System to manage the Cook County Office of the Public Guardian. The Public Guardian is responsible for providing legal representation to various at-risk populations, including: (i) juveniles whom the State believes were abused or neglected by their parents or guardians; (ii) adults with disabilities who have been victims of fraud/abuse/etc., and (iii) children of parents involved in complex divorce/child custody proceedings. This proposed contract is for a case management system in the Juvenile Division of the Office of the Cook County Public Guardian (OPG).

By statute, every child who is the subject of abuse or neglect proceedings in Illinois must be appointed counsel for all stages of that proceeding (705 ILCS 405/1-5, 2-17). The Public Guardian (OPG) represents approximately 6,000 abused / neglected children. Most of these children are in the custody or guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS). The Public Guardian represents these children in the Circuit Court, Illinois Appellate Courts, Federal Courts, DCSF administrative hearings, education and school matters, and other proceedings. In this capacity, OPG commonly assumes an active role in overseeing the general welfare of the juvenile. The Public Guardian is ethically required to maintain confidentiality with its child clients, and it is legally required to securely maintain files and records regarding its clients and their cases.

Historically and presently, the OPG's legal case management system in the Juvenile Division is a disaggregated collection of paper files, ancillary IT systems (i.e., AS400 mainframe and various MS Access DBs), email records and other loosely structured digital files (i.e., MS Office, .pdf and similar files stored amongst shared file servers, SharePoint sites, MS Teams collaborations, and end user document folders, etc.). The policies and practices to maintain these systems range from formal to casual. Commonly, no one among these information systems functions as a "single source of truth" for a given case. By tradition and according to historical agency policy, the paper files are typically the most comprehensive source of information on Juvenile cases, but these files vary in structure and content and are only comprehensive to the extent that strained OPG resources are available to maintain them.

OPG staff successfully service their child clients with this hodgepodge of standalone data systems, but it comes at considerable cost, effort, risk and lost opportunity. Problems include micro-inefficiencies for the agency personnel, which in aggregate create frustration for employees as well as considerable general inefficiency for the agency. Examples include: (1) common data elements (such as client name, case number, dates) are manually typed/retyped/mistyped/fixed across all forms, communications, documents, and systems; (2) calendars are redundantly maintained (e.g., docket a meeting occurrence in a case log as well as create/save the event in end users' personal calendars); (3) Staff endlessly organize and/or print emails to ensure that vital correspondence is accessible for future reference and appropriately acted upon; (4) workflow / task assignment is manually managed via email and interpersonal communications; (5)

many documents are created from scratch, instead of from agency templates; (6) incalculable hours are expended acquiring/printing/filing/sharing physical files; (7) any instance where case files/data/information needs to be shared requires labor intensive back/forth correspondence and manual file exchange; (8) Operational standards/policies are labor-intensive to promulgate and difficult to readily comply with. As a result, there is a proliferation of varying forms, reports, and practices; (9) Management has limited insight into work allocation and vital statistics, so oversight and reporting are highly manual endeavors.

Management must constantly weigh the importance of acquiring answers to basic business/case questions, knowing that often the only way to acquire necessary information is to interrupt the high-pressure daily activities of attorneys and staff. Knowledge management is stifled, as valuable information is not readily available. Closely related, this inhibits satisfactory adoption of best tools and adherence to leading practices. Staff bearing these inefficiencies include those staff whose primary responsibility is communication with juvenile clients and analysis of these clients well-being, e.g., case workers and attorneys. As a result, time that could be spent directly on agency core mission services is consumed by administrative work. Upon case closure, the physical case files are moved to an off-site storage. This is done so that closed case files can be maintained with limited risk to current clients' confidentiality and to ensure sufficient physical space is available at OPG offices for newer physical case files. OPG must later eventually destroy the oldest physical case files. These practices are time-consuming and costly, and results in no practical means of accessing closed case files, to the extent that historic files have not yet been destroyed.

The vendor, Journal Technologies, Inc., will create and sustain a new legal case management system to support the OPG's Juvenile Division. This new system will help OPG achieve optimal litigation of its juvenile cases and enable more effective management of information related to general client wellness. This new system shall enable primary system users (e.g., OPG attorneys, paralegals, and other staff) to store and maintain all data and files related to cases and clients, such as case parties, in-court events / dockets, out-of-court activities (such as residency/placement, enrollment in support service programs, etc.), various court case attributes (e.g., type, status, and outcome), internal OPG processes (e.g., investigations, interviews, evidence collection), etc. In short, enable digital management of its individual cases and clients. The system will provide a comprehensive suite of productivity tools for system users, enabling them to optimally manage documents, contacts, calendars, deadlines, tasks, requests, internal workflows, etc. This shall enable digital case record management without unduly burdening OPG users, while generally improving the productivity of OPG line staff. The system will also enable OPG management to create and maintain case data (e.g., current/historic caseload among staff, case status, case outcomes, etc.) and to create related reports. Such reports will serve a wide variety of management purposes, including but not limited to: general internal agency management, reporting to external stakeholders, and readily identifying critical items (e.g., unassigned cases, cases with various alerts/flags, etc.).

This contract is awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Journal Technologies was selected based on established evaluation criteria.