



**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, February 27, 2020, 10:00 AM

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CREATING DIGITAL EQUITY IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the growth of the high technology industry is an asset to Cook County and access to technology resources, including but not limited to computers, the Internet, and advanced telecommunications is important to all Cook County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, access to technology resources has not been equitable across Cook County and has created a divide among various communities regarding access, as well as a division in society; and

WHEREAS, Digital Equity is a condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy and economy; and

WHEREAS, Digital Equity is essential for full and consequential participation in the civic, economic, health and education systems of modern life; and

WHEREAS, those who can master the tools of the new digital technology and have access to technology have benefited in the form of improved employment possibilities and a higher standard of living; and

WHEREAS, this "digital divide" parallels existing economic, racial, and gender divisions in society, with the more privileged members of society having much greater opportunity to benefit from the new technologies than those who are less favorably situated; and

WHEREAS, 79% of recent job seekers used resources or information found online, and a growing number of jobs require technological proficiency; and

WHEREAS, 72% of Internet users use the Internet for health information or services; and

WHEREAS, 56% of all bills are paid online; and

WHEREAS, 70% of U.S. teachers assign online homework, some as soon as early elementary school; and

WHEREAS, 3 million U.S. students do not have access to Internet at home; and

WHEREAS, 25% of Cook County residents lack high-speed Internet; and

WHEREAS, 40% of all unconnected Illinois households are in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, removing the equity barriers of connectivity, affordability and proficiency could lead to an annual economic gain from increased graduation rates and higher paying job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, ongoing efforts to attain digital equity are necessary, including more educational and economic development initiatives to bring Cook County residents greater access to fundamental digital services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Cook County through, the Office of the President and its using departments, is hereby authorized to solicit and accept donations for the purpose of achieving Digital Equity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Purpose Fund shall be created in the Department of Budget and Management Services entitled the “Digital Equity Fund” in order to receive and utilize these donations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the donations received and placed in the Digital Equity Fund shall be utilized and appropriated in a manner that promotes Digital Equity.

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Presented by: BILQIS JACOBS-EL, Director, Department of Facilities Management

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities Management

Vendor: Production Distribution Company, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Lamps, Ballasts and LED Lighting

Contract Value: \$179,500.00

Contract period: 3/2/2020 - 3/1/2023, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2020 \$49,860.00, FY 2021 \$59,832.00, FY2022 \$59,832.00, FY 2023 \$9,976.00

Accounts: 11100.1200.12355.530188

Contract Number(s): 1901-18010A

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority-and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: This contract will allow the Department of Facilities to replace old lamps, ballasts and LED lighting in various Cook County facilities.

The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer issued a publicly advertised Invitation for Bids (IFB) in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Officer for specific manufacturers of lamps, ballasts and LED lighting. Production Distribution Company was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder for General Electric Lighting and Ballasts, Sylvania Lighting, Halo Lighting, Phillips Lighting and Lithonia LED Lighting.