



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** The Bowa Group, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services

**Contract Value:** \$854,888.00

**Contract period:** 4/25/2016 - 4/24/2017

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2016 \$854,888.00

**Accounts:** Capital Improvement Program - 580

**Contract Number(s):** 1555-14935

#### **Concurrences:**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** This project provides for the construction of two new children's advocacy rooms located at the Criminal Courts Administration Building and the Rolling Meadows Courthouse. These rooms will provide a safe, nurturing environment free from the stressful, emotionally charged atmosphere of a courtroom for children whose parents are conducting court business. These rooms seek to ensure every child is recognized as an individual whose gender, abilities, personal privacy, choice of activities, and cultural, ethnic and religious background are treated with dignity and respect.

The Children's Advocacy Rooms provide free, on-site child care, staffed by experienced early child development professionals who are trained to respond compassionately to children whose experience with the court can involve highly charged & emotional issues. The rooms are welcoming environments, cheerfully decorated and child centered with age and developmentally appropriate activities. An array of books, toys games, and movies allow the children to be children. Each room will also have a Parent Resource Center with brochures and pamphlets provided by social service and other outreach agencies.

Competitive bidding procedures were followed in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. The Bowa Group, Inc., is the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.