



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Adult Probation Department, Circuit Court of Cook County; Social Service Department, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Vendor:**

Neinhouse Media, Inc., d/b/a CAM Systems, Chicago, Illinois  
1A Smart Start, LLC, Grapevine, Texas

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Remote Alcohol Monitoring Services

**Contract Value:** \$0

**Contract period:** 1/16/2017 - 1/15/2020 with two (2) one (1) year renewal options

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** \$0 - These contracts have no fiscal impact on Cook County as both are funded by program participants

**Accounts:** 280-333

**Contract Number(s):**

Niehouse Media, Inc., d/b/a/ CAM Systems, 1530-14415A

1A Smart Start LLC., 1530-14415B

**Concurrences:**

The contract-specific goal set on this contract was zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** These contracts will provide state-of-the-art devices to assist the Adult Probation and Social Service Departments in monitoring alcohol consumption by defendants and offenders who have been court-ordered to monitoring as a condition of pretrial supervision, probation, conditional discharge, or supervision. Two types of remote alcohol monitoring devices will be provided, each employing a different measurement methodology for alcohol consumption: transdermal alcohol monitoring (TAM) and remote breath alcohol monitoring (RBAM). Contract 1530-14415A with Cam Systems will provide the TAM devices, and Contract 1530-14415B with 1A Smart Start, LLC will provide the RBAM devices. Both contracts include the equipment, as well as monitoring and reporting services. The vendors will be responsible for testing alcohol usage several times per day during the period ordered by the court and will report results to the departments.

The two devices operate as follows: 1) TAM devices are worn around the ankle, take multiple readings of perspiration each day to check for the presence of alcohol and do not require active participation by the subject; and 2) RBAM devices

require the participant to take breathalyzer tests each day that check for the presence of alcohol.

The cost of the devices and services would be paid by program participants. Payments will be adjusted based on the participants' ability to pay allowing for reduced rates in appropriate circumstances. Basic pricing for TAM devices ranges from \$12.40 and \$26.00 per day depending upon the annual income of the participant, and basic pricing for the RBAM devices ranges from \$3.26 to \$3.78 per day, depending on volume, and then may be reduced further based on the participants' ability to pay. Both contracts include provisions for additional charges to the participants for installation, unit removal, damaged units, home visits, and for other circumstances.

These contracts are awarded through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. CAM Systems and 1A Smart Start were selected based on established evaluation criteria.