



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

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

Vendor: Clarity Partners, Chicago, Illinois

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

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

Contract Value: \$548,540.00

Contract period: 12/1/2020 - 11/30/2022, with (2) one (1) year renewal options

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2021 \$344,840.00, FY2022 \$203,700.00

Accounts: 11569.1305.21120.560225

Contract Number(s): 1950-17746

Concurrences:

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

The Chief Procurement Office concurs.

Summary: The Public Guardian's Juvenile Division currently utilizes an AS400 Case Management Computer System (CMCS) for different practice areas of the office (trial attorneys, appellate attorneys, paralegals, child interviewers, investigators, and clerks). The system is decades old, beyond its functional lifespan, and is no longer supported by the developer. In addition to the existing CMCS, the various divisions of OPG use many different and non-integrated systems and processes to manage their caseload.

OPG has proposed the selection of Clarity Partners to assist in consolidating all case management processes and systems into one (JCSMS) platform. The core objective for this consulting project is to position OPG to select the optimal platform and leverage the functionality of that system as effectively as possible. This project will facilitate implementation of a JCSMS that will:

1. Allow users to have access to docketing information electronically
2. Provide a comprehensive suite of tools to manage case information, important contacts, and navigate conflict determinations
3. Maintain a dashboard to track deadlines, outstanding tasks, discovery requests, etc.

Clarity Partners was prequalified through the County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. Clarity Partners was selected based on established evaluation criteria.