



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services

Date: September 25, 2019
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
From: Tracey L. Wehking, Director of Library Services
Subject: Sole Source for Envisionware 24-hour Library

BACKGROUND:

Library Services seeks to expand service to the South County area. Per the Master Facilities Plan for Libraries, it was recommended that a full service library be built in the Oslo Road area due to increased population and increased travel times for residents of the South County area to get to the Main Library, particularly during the winter season. Staff has identified a unique opportunity to expand service while keeping costs low by placing a state-of-the-art vending library in the Intergenerational Center.

DISCUSSION:

Staff began researching products available for dispensing books and providing access to patron holds that would operate with minimal staff intervention and provide state-of-the-art technology and a seamless integration with the aesthetic of the Intergenerational Center. The project went out for Sealed Bid, with a sole bid submitted by Envisionware. After review by the Purchasing Division, it has been determined that the issued specifications were restrictive, and therefore this item is more appropriate for sole source consideration.

The Envisionware 24-Hour Library is a unique product in the library vending market. It provides the ability for 6-8 patrons to obtain services at one time by having multiple displays and being Wi-Fi enabled to allow for downloading of eBooks and delivering internet access as if at a full service library. The Envisionware system allows for automated dispensing of hold items as opposed to a 2-part locker system. Staff anticipates high usage for hold retrieval. The Envisionware system is ADA compliant and capable of serving patrons in wheelchairs and children with its dual public displays. The 24-Hour Library also provides a 14-bin automated materials handling system and numerous security cameras to provide support and ease to library staff.

In addition to the unique features above, the 24-Hour Library will blend seamlessly into the Intergenerational Center's aesthetic with its sleek, modern look and one piece design. Indian River County Library System will be the first library in Florida to have this state-of-the-art technology.

FUNDING:

Staff has obtained a quote from Envisionware in the amount of \$166,770 which includes the unit, installation, staff training, and one year of service. Funding for the Envisionware 24-hour Library is budgeted and available in Library Impact Fees/Other Machinery & Equipment –GL#103109-066490. Funding for service and support beyond year one is estimated at \$16,500 per year and will be funded through Main Library’s operating fund GL#00110971-034630.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners reject bid 2020002, waive the bid requirements and designate Envisionware as the sole source provider for vending library services. Staff also recommends the Board authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a Purchase Order to Envisionware in the amount of \$166,770 for the initial purchase and first year of maintenance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sole Source Letter, Envisionware
2. Quote from Envisionware
3. Rendering of unit in proposed location

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 15, 2019