

**RFP REVIEW COMMITTEE'S KEY FACTORS THAT GUIDED  
SELECTION OF THE PREFERRED VOTING SYSTEM VENDOR**

<b>DOMINION VOTING</b>	<b>ELECTIONS SYSTEMS &amp; SOFTWARE (ES&amp;S)</b>
<p>Vendor's state certified Election Management System requires all election management tasks to be performed directly on the server. This configuration will not work for Indian River County. The Elections Office servers are housed in a climate controlled, secure room monitored by 24/7 video surveillance, with key and security card access. The server room is the size of a closet and does not have any windows to allow for public viewing. There is no way the public could observe the tabulation process in the server room.</p>	<p>Vendor's state certified Election Management System includes four election management workstations. All election management tasks are performed on the workstations. Results housed on jump drives/flash drives are inserted into a workstation and ultimately transmitted electronically to the server located in the server closet. All workstations will be housed in the tabulation room in full view by the public.</p>
<p>Vendor's RFP noted that their proposed high speed central count scanner and tabulator (CCST) used for mail ballot tabulation, (the ImageCast Central DRS 976) provides a maximum capacity of 100 ballots in the input hopper and a rate of throughput for 11" ballots at 150 pages per minute. The vendor has proposed 2 units which does not meet the RFP's specs of a combined CCST full speed throughput of 600 ballots per minute.</p>	<p>Vendor's RFP noted that their proposed high speed central count scanner and tabulator (CCST) used for mail ballot tabulation,(DS850) provides an input hopper maximum capacity of 480 standard ballots and capacity to scan and sort 14" double-sided ballots at 300 per minute. The vendor has proposed 2 units which satisfies the RFP's specs of a combined CCST full speed throughput of 600 ballots per minute. During the product demonstration, our staff unanimously agreed that the DS850 was far superior to the ImageCast Central DRS 976.</p>
<p>Vendor's RFP requires ballot printers to be Dominion qualified. Vendor did not include in the RFP what the qualifications are for a ballot printer to be Dominion qualified. IRC SOE wants the flexibility to purchase the ballots from the vendor of their choice provided the ballot paper adheres to the voting machines published paper specifications. Vendor mentioned during their equipment demonstration that there is a fee charged to ballot printers for ballot printer qualification testing.</p>	<p>Vendor's RFP did not include any restrictions for selection of ballot printers as long as the ballot paper adheres to the voting machine's published paper specifications.</p>
<p>Vendor's state certification requires two separate devices to transmit modem results from the polling site. A Verizon 295 air card is proposed to transmit modem results from the ImageCast Precinct Scanner's wireless external modem and a CellGO is proposed to transmit modem results from the ImageCast Evolution Scanner's wireless external modem.</p>	<p>Vendor's state certification includes an internal modem. One Verizon 295 air card for each polling site provides transmission of modem results. Having only one modem device, eliminates any confusion for the election workers as to which modem transmission device is necessary for each type of voting equipment.</p>

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<p>Vendor's ImageCast Evolution (ICE) ADA voting unit allows simultaneous standard and accessible voting which is an advantage but can also be a disadvantage. When voters with disabilities are voting on the ICE unit, standard voting is unavailable. The vendor has provided an option for a dual display monitor. The dual display monitor is housed in a voting booth and is connected to the ICE unit via a 5' or 15' tether cord. All casting of ballots must be suspended while the ADA voting session is being initiated and returned to standard voting by the election worker.</p>	<p>Vendor's ExpressVote is always in a state of full disability readiness. As soon as unit is turned on, voters can vote without poll worker assistance, maintaining complete autonomy and privacy.</p>
<p>Vendor's RFP noted that the recommended precinct system limitations are 100 ballot styles per scanner unit. During primary elections, IRCSOE programs 148 ballot styles for each early voting site. If only 100 ballot styles per scanner unit are recommended by the vendor, then IRCSOE would have to designate specific precinct ballots to designated precinct scanners. Currently IRC uses two optical scanners at each early voting site. If each optical scanner is dedicated to certain precincts, there is no back up scanner if either unit malfunctions. During the vendor's demonstration, staff mentioned the recommended 100 ballot style per scanner unit limitation. Vendor responded that the information regarding this subject in the RFP may have been in error and would get back to IRCSOE with clarification. To date no clarification has been received.</p>	<p>Vendor's RFP states that the scanner unit can support up to 9,900 ballot styles per precinct scanner.</p>
<p>Vendor offers no on-line support.</p>	<p>Vendor offers on-line support 24/7.</p>
<p>Warranty repair shipping costs paid one-way by vendor.</p>	<p>Warranty repair shipping costs paid round trip by vendor.</p>
<p>Length of product life cycle from date of purchase is listed in RFP as at least 10 years.</p>	<p>Length of product life cycle from date of purchase is listed in RFP as 13 - 15 years.</p>
<p>Vendor has 4 full-time employees living in Florida: one employee is a customer manager, one is a customer relations manager, and two are product specialists. There are other support personnel throughout the United States.</p>	<p>Vendor has 15 full-time employees living in Florida, 7 are service technicians. The vendor has an office in Clearwater. There are other support personnel throughout the United States.</p>