



GILA COUNTY

Procurement Determination: Competition Impracticable

Sections 1 through 3 MUST be completed Use Attachments as Necessary		
1. Agency: Gila County, Elections Department		
Name: Eric Mariscal	Title: Elections Director	
Phone: 928-402-8708		
Subject: Materials or Services : Purchase Voting Equipment & Associated Appurtenances		
Estimated Cost: \$364,623.64 plus sales tax		
2. Provide full description of materials or services: Tabulation hardware, which includes one DS 850, ExpressVote Units, Software and Support Express Poll Tablets, Printers and Software		
3. Provide Justification: In February of 2015 the Gila County Board of Supervisors directed the Gila County Elections Department to implement Vote Centers to provide for cost effective and efficient elections day services for the citizens of Gila County. In order to achieve this goal new elections equipment is needed since the current equipment is approaching its life expectancy of nominal performance. The Gila County Board of Supervisors, with the recommendation of the Gila County Elections Director Eric Mariscal, and the Gila County Recorder Sadie Bingham, selected Election Systems and Software LLC (ES&S) to award the contract to. ES&S is the only vendor that can provide all the components necessary to bring about the implementation of Vote centers. ES&S has the election software, ballot marking handicap accessible machines, central count tabulation machine and electronic poll books that are needed to achieve this goal. No other company could provide all of the needed components essential for Vote Centers. The use of multiple vendors with multiple contracts would have been required. The use of more than one vendor to provide election day support and service was not a direction that the Gila County Board of Supervisors wanted to pursue. All of the equipment necessary for the implementation of Vote Centers has met the requirements for certification with the Arizona Secretary of State's Office. The ability to utilize one vendor to conduct election services provides for critical and timely service and support.		
Comments:		
Approved by:		
Signature: 	Title: FINANCE DIRECTOR	Date: 2/2/16
NOTICE: This is your official written determination in response to your procurement authorization request.		