



OFFICE OF COUNTY PURCHASING

May 15, 2014

TO: Comal County Commissioners Court

SUBJECT: Request for Discretionary Exemption for Election Systems & Software LLC for maintenance, Ballot Layout, Coding, Voice File Services, Ballot Printing Services, and Election Support Services

The Comal County Elections Office utilizes Election Systems & Software LLC Ivotronic touchscreen voting machines. The maintenance, Ballot Layout, Coding, Voice File Services, Ballot Printing Services, and Election Support Services have patented and proprietary rights to components of this equipment and software.

Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(7)(A) exempts "an item that can be obtained from only one source, including items from which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies.

Please accept this letter as justification for a sole source purchase of these services from Election Systems & Software, LLC.

Sincerely,

**Ramona Womack, CPPB
Purchasing Director**