



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Sheriff's Office

Board Action

File # 26-007

Commissioner Shehan - Sheriff's Office - To Authorize a Transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the Sole Source Purchase of Four Integrated IDEMIA LiveScan Systems **(\$73,507 Quote)**

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

General Fund: Decrease operating expenditures by \$74,000 Increase transfers out by \$74,000
Community Investment Fund Increase transfers in by \$74,000 Increase transfers out by \$74,000
Capital Fund: Increase transfers in by \$74,000 Increase capital expenditures by \$74,000
No net budget impact and no additional County funds.

BACKGROUND

This Board Action and Budget Change Request approves the sole source purchase of four IDEMIA LiveScan Systems. IDEMIA has been the sole provider of the AFIS System in place at the North Carolina Department of Public Safety since 1987 IDEMIA is the only vendor who can deliver a Livescan System that is 100% compatible with the NC-DPS system. This purchase qualifies as a sole source exception to bidding per NC GS 143-129(e)(6) due to its compatibility with the NC-DPS system and the needed product is only available from one source.

This Board Action and Budget Change Request also transfers \$74,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for this purchase. The current software is expiring and IDEMIA will no longer provide support or maintenance. A transfer within the department's budgeted funds was previously approved for this purpose in Resolution 2025-396 Upon further discussion and receipt of the contract documents, the Sheriff's Office, Budget, and Finance determined that it is a capital expenditure, not an operating expenditure. No additional County funds are being appropriated.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR) and Confirmation of Sole Source

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows.

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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)					
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☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund
☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund
☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments
☒ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*
☐ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

***Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners**

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** Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST

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IDEMIA is pleased to provide Gaston County Sheriff's Office with the following price quote for the IDEMIA LiveScan System equipped with standard North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NC-DPS) Criminal and Applicant profiles for connectivity directly to the NC-DPS AFIS Database.

IDEMIA's fully integrated LiveScan solution provides Gaston County Sheriff's Office the following features and benefits:

- ◆ Single-source vendor for all components of the LiveScan solution, including the AFIS interface
- ◆ Digital image capture of upper, lower and writer's palms, slaps and rolls (*Criminal* processing)
- ◆ Mug Photo Capture (*Criminal* processing)
- ◆ Full compliance with NC-DPS AFIS, FBI IAFIS/NGI EBTS and ANSI/NIST image standards
- ◆ Automatic fingerprint sequencing and duplicate print checking before scanning is completed, ensuring data integrity
- ◆ Quick check, review, and edit can be performed on each print
- ◆ All LiveScan Systems include on-site installation, training, and 1 year on-site warranty



IDEMIA has been the sole provider of the AFIS System in place at the North Carolina Department of Public Safety since 1987. IDEMIA is the only vendor who can deliver a LiveScan system that is 100% compatible with the NC-DPS system. In fact, IDEMIA LiveScan systems use the same AFIS quality checking algorithms to ensure Gaston County Sheriff's Office can submit the highest-quality prints to NC-DPS.

Figure 1 shows a map of the "sample" of state of North Carolina with IDEMIA LiveScan installations.



Figure 1 "sample" IDEMIA LiveScan Systems installed in North Carolina

IDEMIA's *In-State Support Organization* is dedicated solely to the support of North Carolina customers. IDEMIA's approach to in-state support is demonstrated by our commitment to providing field resources that are located in close proximity to our customer sites. This reinforces IDEMIA's on-going commitment to customer satisfaction and the delivery of the highest level of support in the industry.