



# Gaston County

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## Sheriff's Office

## Board Action

File #: 19-216

Commissioner Worley - Sheriff's Office - To Accept Unified Technology Systems as a Sole Source Vendor for the Purchase of Two Smart Boards (\$24,958)

### STAFF CONTACT

Alan Cloninger - Sheriff - 704-869-6860

### BUDGET IMPACT

2017 SCAAP Grant & Departmental budget

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

### BACKGROUND

The Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$23,455 grant from the 2017 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) by the federal Bureau of Justice. This award has been designated to upgrade the audio visual equipment in the training room at the Sheriff's Office. This room is used by correctional officers for in-service training and Detention Officer Certification Course (DOCC) School.

The Sheriff's Office requests sole source approval to purchase two Smart Boards from Unified Technology Services. This request is based on inadequate competition and standardization and compatibility. After multiple attempts to secure bids from various vendors, only one vendor responded. Unified Technology Systems has been used by Gaston County for over 19 years and they have installed equipment at the Sheriff's Office in the past. Purchasing from this vendor will ensure the installation is compatible with existing wiring and equipment. The cost of the Smart Boards (\$24,958) exceeds the grant award. The remaining balance (\$1,503) will be purchased with departmental funds. Approval of this Board Action authorizes staff to proceed with the sole source purchase from Unified Technology Systems.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Sole Source Letter

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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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April 2, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Sheriff's Office requests an exception to bid the purchase of two Smart Boards, per Uniform Guidance *Inadequate Competition*. Multiple attempts have been made to secure three bids, but have been unsuccessful. Only one vendor, Unified Technology Systems, has responded. Unified Technology Systems has been used by Gaston County for over 19 years for the installation of various audio/visual equipment. In 2008, they installed equipment in the two training rooms at the Sheriff's Office. They are familiar with the room layout, wiring, and design. It is for these reasons that we request an exception due to lack of competition as well as standardization and compatibility. Purchasing from this vendor will ensure the installation will be compatible with the existing wiring and equipment.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 704 869-6808.

Sincerely,

Captain Joseph Clemmer  
Gaston County Sheriff's Office