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## 2023 Bonding Requests

### New tabulators - \$25,000,000

3,000 tabulators for polling places, EDR locations, AB tabulation, and early voting locations

40 higher-speed tabulators for AB tabulation

Breakdown:

Quantity	Item	Unit Price Low	Unit Price High	Total Price Low	Total Price High
3,000	Tabulators	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$15,000,000	\$18,000,000
3,000	Ballot Boxes	\$ 700.00	\$ 800.00	\$2,100,000	\$2,400,000
50,000	Ink Cartridges	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000
500	Memory Sticks	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$75,000	\$75,000
10	High Speed Tabulators	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 133,000.00	\$1,300,000	\$1,330,000
10	Memory Sticks HS	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$2,500	\$2,500
30	Medium Speed Tabulators	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$1,350,000	\$1,710,000
30	Memory Sticks HS	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$7,500	\$7,500
1	Software License (per year)	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$60,000	\$60,000
1	Installation and Setup	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$500,000	\$500,000
1	Shipping and Handling	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$500,000	\$750,000
507	Days of Project Management (3 per town)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$507,000	\$1,014,000
Total:				\$23,152,000	\$27,599,000

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## **Centralized Voter Registration System/Automatic Voter Registration - \$1,700,000**

Pursuant to Public Act 21-2, the Office of the Secretary and the Voter Registration Agencies are required to work together to implement a system of Automatic Voter Registration, like the one currently in place with the DMV, in each of the Voter Registration Agencies that have a database that contains signatures. After reviewing the Voter Registration Agencies, the Office identified the Department of Social Services, ConneCT, UConn, the CSUs, DoL, and DESPP as agencies where this is possible. Also, as the new Centralized Voter Registration comes online, there will be a cost associated with integrating our existing AVR program at the DMV with the new CVRS.

In order to implement these changes, the Office will need to hire Subject Matter Expert Consultants with expertise in both Connecticut's CVRS system and AVR implementations, create a non-agency specific core AVR system, and then manage the agency specific implementations.

Breakdown:

Additional SME Consultants - \$350,000

Non-agency specific core AVR system - \$600,000

DMV AVR/CVRS Integration - \$150,000

Agency specific (DSS, ConneCT, UConn, CSUs/BOR, DOL, DESPP) - \$600,000

## **Business Services Division Core Function Upgrades - \$2,400,000**

### **Business Recording System Phase 2 - \$1,500,000**

In 2020, the IT Investment Committee provided \$6 million in bond funds to our office to migrate the CONCORD business registry to the state's Business One Stop platform. The new business registry system (BRS) – which also includes UCC liens, trademarks, and other modules – has been operational since June 2021.

While the system is operational, there is more work necessary to enhance the online user experience and ensure that the registry has quality updated information. The three most important are:

1. **Trade Names** – Section 35-1 of the General Statutes tasks our office with creating a centralized trade name registry for municipalities. Trade names are single-person business ventures that are also known as d/b/a's or sole proprietorships. These are filed with town clerks, but there is no central place to search for them and most town clerks do not offer such a service. Additionally, corporations and limited liability companies that are registered with our office are permitted to operate under a trade name, but there is no system that would link the trade name filed locally with the business registration on our record.
2. **Payment Method Security** – BRS permits users to pay by all major credit cards, but the software used by the Business One Stop platform has significant limitations that prevent users from adding, editing, or deleting cards. We need to custom develop a solution to allow users to manage the payment cards stored for future filings.
3. **Identity Security** – Because most of our filings are now coming in over the internet, we are seeing an increase in fraudulent filings. This can take the form of people using our system and paying using stolen card data or people making unauthorized filings on a business record. The BRS system needs to be enhanced with identity verification and other security measures to mitigate fraudulent filings.

### **System Application Replacements (Finsys, Apostilles, State Seal, Extraditions) - \$900,000**

These four systems are custom-coded, locally hosted systems that are all more than 20 years old. Finsys is used to track filing fee payments received for the various transactions processed by BSD. The Apostille system is used to process orders for document authentications and apostilles and is directly tied to the FinSys system. The State Seal system tracks requests and authorizations to use the state seal, as the Secretary is keeper of the state seal by statute. Finally, the extradition system tracks extradition requests received from other states.

The bond request is based on an estimate of the time necessary to develop, test, and implement these systems and our experience with the recent BRS project. We estimate that vendor costs will amount to \$80,000/month and that the total time needed to develop these systems will be 30 months.