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# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RFI #22-2071 AUTOMATED CASH PAYMENT SYSTEM

October 31, 2022

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Firms interested in submitting an e-mail response should do so by or before **Monday**, **November 21**, **2022** by **5:00 PM CST** to Joseph Thomas at <u>Joseph.Thomas@sedgwick.gov</u>. Late responses will not be accepted.

Sincerely,

Joseph Thomas

Joe Thomas Director of Purchasing

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# I. <u>About this Document</u>

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# II. <u>Background</u>

Sedgwick County, located in south-central Kansas, is one of the most populous of Kansas' 105 counties with a population estimated at more than 514,000 persons. It is the sixteenth largest in area, with 1,008 square miles, and reportedly has the second highest per capita wealth among Kansas' counties. Organizationally, the county is a Commission/Manager entity, employs nearly 2,500 persons, and hosts or provides a full range of municipal services, e.g. – public safety, public works, criminal justice, recreation, entertainment, cultural, human/social, and education.

# III. Project Objectives

Sedgwick County, Kansas (hereinafter referred to as "county") is seeking a firm or firms to provide a more efficient process in paying witnesses and jurors for the District Attorney's Office. The following objectives have been identified for this contract:

- 1. Acquire a kiosk payment system or other innovative approach meeting the parameters, conditions and mandatory requirements presented in the document.
- 2. Establish contract pricing for maintenance, support and professional service hours with the vendor that has the best proven "track-record" in performance, service and customer satisfaction.
- 3. Acquire a system with the most advantageous overall cost to the county.

# IV. <u>Scope of Services</u>

Sedgwick County working with the District Attorney's Office is looking for a more efficient process of paying witnesses and jurors other than with paper checks. The county is looking for various options involving an automated cash payment system using kiosks or other innovative methodologies.

# A. <u>Request for Information Timeline</u>

The following dates are provided for information purposes and are subject to change without notice. Contact the Purchasing Section at (316) 660-7265 to confirm any and all dates.

Distribution of Request for Proposal to interested parties	October 31, 2022
Questions and Clarifications submitted via email	<b>November 7, 2022</b>
Questions Answered	November 14, 2022
Request for Information due Date on or before	November 21, 2022

### V. <u>Required Response Content</u>

### Responses shall be submitted using the suggested format as follows:

### Part A – Introduce Your Organization

Please tell us who you are and provide your contact information. Who owns your organization? What is your level of interest?

#### Part B – Capabilities and Experience

Does your organization have the appropriate experience and capabilities to address the county's requirements?

#### Part C – Comments on the Scope of Services

Please provide details regarding all items listed and provide any additional information that would distinguish your organization in addressing the needs of the county in providing an automated cash payment system.

### Part D – Responses to the Following Questions

### Please respond to the following questions and provide additional information pertinent to this RFI:

- What different approaches do you recommend besides what is listed in the Scope of Services that you have found to be effective?
- Do you have suggestions that would allow the county to gain the most innovative approach while minimizing the overall cost?
- What suggestions do you have that would make this a seamless process?
- How would you attract and maintain customers utilizing your product?
- What product options would you provide?
- What is your approach to problem solving?
- Provide examples of agencies or customers currently using any referenced product.

SUBMITTALS are due via email NO LATER THAN Monday, November 21, 2022 by 5:00 PM CST.