

2024 RES-272

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH NICE SYSTEMS, INC. FOR NICE JUSTICE SAAS SOLUTION - DANE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

The Dane County District Attorney Office is in need of a digital evidence management system for the prosecution of its cases. The District Attorney’s Office has been negotiating with NICE Systems, Inc. over the course of the past year to tailor a solution for our department’s needs with integrated systems, workflows, and proprietary media types. The time-consuming nature of this involved considering the complex systems of the 26 law enforcement agencies in Dane County and their limitations. There is a wide scope of differences among the respective agencies’ proprietary software for video playback of their squad cameras, interview rooms, and body worn camera systems, in addition to the thousands of proprietary surveillance video types that exist in the public. To add to this, on major cases, we also often receive extractions of data from cell phones of individuals involved. Video files and cell phone data files are often large in size. Receiving, cataloguing, reviewing, and distributing the high volume of these large files is a time consuming task that can greatly benefit from a digital evidence management system.

This system is tailor made for the criminal justice system with integrated features such as automatic conversion of hundreds of proprietary video formats, automatic transcription, video editing tools for redaction and clipping, document processing, evidence distribution and auditing. These features will assist our attorneys and staff to quickly locate material that is critical for the successful prosecution of their cases and expediate distribution to the defense.

NICE has provided us a 1-year contract with the option to renew for years 2 and 3.

- Contract:
 - Year 1: \$123,719.00
- Future years upon renewal:
 - Year 2: \$149,275.00
 - Year 3: \$177,232.00

We introduced a projection of these future costs in our budget request for the 2024 budget year. Over this past year, we have worked at negotiating the contract and ensuring the system would meet all of our unique evidence needs. With the arrival of the contract, we discovered the capital line we originally obtained for system design cannot be used for subscription expenses and are thus proposing the following personnel savings to offset some of the operating costs for the system for year 1. Since this system will change workflows for our DA support staff including the paralegals, if necessary, we are also proposing delaying the hiring of our Paralegal position if needed in 2026 until our workflows have readjusted with the implementation of the new system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approves the contract for 1 year at \$123,719.00. There is currently \$7,200.00 in budget account line DACTA 32061.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED adjust budget account lines, in the 2025 budget, to fund the NICE Justice SaaS Solution for the Dane County District Attorney Office as follows:

Position #3615 – Delay hiring for FY 2025 – \$110,700.00		
Decrease (DACTA 10009)	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 69,800.00
Decrease (DACTA 10099)	RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 4,900.00
Decrease (DACTA 10108)	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 5,300.00
Decrease (DACTA 10117)	HEALTH	\$ 30,300.00
Decrease (DACTA 10153)	DENTAL	\$ 1,700.00
Decrease (DACTA 10171)	DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 100.00
Decrease (DACTA 10250)	SALARY SAVINGS	\$ (1,400.00)

Position #3617 – Delay hiring for 2025 pay periods 1A & 2B – \$5,819.00		
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10009)	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 3,594.10
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10099)	RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 248.44
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10108)	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 276.04
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10117)	HEALTH	\$ 1672.82
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10153)	DENTAL	\$ 93.85
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10171)	DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 5.52
Decrease (DA1STOFF 10250)	SALARY SAVINGS	\$ (71.77)
Increase (DACTA 30261)	DIGITAL MEDIA SERVICES	\$116,519.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive and the County Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the Contract.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County District Attorney be directed to ensure complete performance of the contract.