

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION
TO ENTER INTO A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT
(PUR 7778)**

This Notice of Intended Decision to Enter into a Single Source Contract is posted in accordance with Rule 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, and section 287.057(3), Florida Statutes.

AGENCY: Florida Department of Commerce (Commerce)

TITLE: Maintenance and Server Hosting Support

Short description of the commodity or service desired: Case management system maintenance and support and server hosting and support, including complete end-to-end management of the software and associated server infrastructure.

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Internal tracking number, if any: 26-SS-007-LJ

DMS Single Source number, if applicable:

Date posted: June 26, 2026 **Time posted:** 10:00 A.M. EST

End Date posted: July 1, 2026 **End Time posted:** 10:00 A.M. EST

Commodity or Contractual Service (commodity or United Nation Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):

43231500 - Business function specific software

81112200 - Software Maintenance & Support

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission

Performance and/or Design Requirements (intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, as appropriate):

The purchase is for services for system maintenance and hosting support for the Evans CaseLoad software. The Florida Department of Commerce has authority over the administration of Florida's Reemployment Assistance Program pursuant to 20.60(5)(c), 443.1317(11)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Florida Administrative Code (FAC) Chapters 73B-10, 73B-11, 73B-20, and 73B-21. The Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission (RAAC) has authority relating to reemployment assistance appeals proceedings pursuant to 443.012, F.S. Pursuant to Section 443.151(4), F.S., a party adversely affected by a decision of an appeal referee has the right to appeal to the RAAC. Pursuant to Section 443.151(4), F.S., RAAC has the authority to affirm, modify or reverse the findings and conclusions of the appeals referee based on evidence in the case or additional evidence taken at the direction of RAAC. A reliable and secure case

management system is necessary for RAAC to efficiently review cases. RAAC's case management system is Evans CaseLoad software, which is a case management system that offers customizable workflows, document management, and case lifecycle management for appeals pending before RAAC and judicial appeals of RAAC's decisions. To maintain optimal performance, reliability, security, and continuous improvement of Evans CaseLoad software, maintenance and support of the host environment are necessary.

Intended Single Source:

equivant,
2014 Champions Gateway NW,
Canton, OH, 44708-2605

Price:

Grand Total \$234,426.60 for 3 years
Year 1 - \$75,369.00
Year 2 - \$78,000.00
Year 3 - \$81,057.60

Justification for Single Source Purchase (what is necessary and unique about the commodity, contractual service, or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

RAAC's case management system is Evans CaseLoad software, which is a case management system that offers customizable workflows, document management, and case lifecycle management for appeals pending before RAAC and judicial appeals of RAAC's decisions. To maintain system availability, optimal performance, reliability, security, and continuous improvement of Evans CaseLoad software, maintenance and support of the host environment are necessary.

Evans CaseLoad Inc. d/b/a equivant has specialized expertise and experience for managing the functionality and integrations of its proprietary software. Evans CaseLoad software is proprietary property of Evans CaseLoad d/b/a equivant and protected by law. Another party cannot alter, modify, change, manipulate or provide maintenance for this product without infringing upon equivant's ownership rights. equivant is the sole source for software maintenance and services for its products.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):

Judith Vargas, General Operations Manager I
John Kunberger, General Counsel
Charles T. Faircloth, Jr., Chairman
Lori Jones, GOCIII
Ramone Smith, Bureau Chief of General Services

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to file a bond or other security within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall

constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Protests may be filed with the agency by:

Mail:

**Florida Department of Commerce
Office of the General Counsel
Attention: Agency Clerk
107 East Madison Street, MSC 110, Caldwell Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4128**

Email:

Agency.Clerk@commerce.fl.gov

Fax:

(850) 921-3230