

#163-23 Election Equipment

Appropriate \$250,000 for Election Equipment

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified free Cash, to Acct # 0110162-585170 Clerk of the Council-Election Equipment to replace 32 current machines as well as one high-speed tabulator to address the increase in vote by mail processing.

Background

- RFP was posted and the City received one proposal from LHS Associates.
- Reviewed by City Clerk, Elections Supervisor and CTO.
- Exceeded all comparative evaluation criteria.
 - Ballot Box design usefulness
 - Voter feedback screen larger (yet still private).
 - Authorized service center within one hour drive of Newton.
 - Customizable presentation of results.
 - Experience in supporting large municipalities with their election needs (recommendations from Boston, Quincy, Medford, and more)

Certifications*

Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, certified equipment in compliance with standards set forth in [950 C.M.R. Sec. 50.02](#)

Elections Assistance Commission Certification - An EAC certification is an official recognition that a voting system has been tested to and has met an identified set of Federal voting system standards.

*Must be certified by Sect. of the Commonwealth.

Imagecast Precinct 2 and ballot box



- Reads single- and double-sided ballots up to 22" long under 6 seconds.
- Rechargeable back battery system.
- Provides up to 8 different selected languages to program for voters.
- 2 Encrypted sealable memory cards per machine.
- 3 separate locked compartments to assist election workers with ballot organization.

Imagecast Central – High Speed processing

- Simple steps to use
- Processes up to 200 images per minute
- Used for high voter turnout elections



Implementation:
end of July 2023

- Equipment available now
- First use - municipal elections
- Trade in, training and manual included in the RFP