

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 15, 2025

**To:** Yvette M. Albarran, Purchasing

**From:** Lisa Wolf

**Subject:** Request for a Bid Exemption for the Contract with AdGators

*Attachment: AdGators Proposal*

### Summary:

The 19th Judicial Circuit Court respectfully requests a bid exemption for an agreement with AdGators.com, LLC, of Springfield, Illinois, for the purchase of a self-service wayfinding kiosk. The total cost of the agreement is \$45,396.

### Background:

- On March 6, 2025, The Supreme Court of Illinois has provided a Court Technology Modernization Program Funding Agreement totaling \$1,267,391,69 to the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.
- Through the use of this funding, the Court is implementing a wayfinding and interactive kiosk system to improve public accessibility and enhance user experience within the courthouse.
- Since 2018, AdGators has provided the Court with docket display systems and has maintained a successful and ongoing relationship with the Court.
- This long-standing partnership has given AdGators unique operational insight that adds value integral to the implementation of the new kiosk system.
- In accordance with §33.066 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance, the Purchasing Agent has previously granted bid exemptions on the basis of established relationships where specialized knowledge is critical to service delivery.
- The agreement includes the purchase of hardware, software licensing, technical support, and setup and implementation services.
- The Lake County Board previously approved a bid exemption request on May 14, 2024.

### Request:

We respectfully request approval of a bid exemption to authorize a new agreement with AdGators.com, LLC in the amount of \$45,396. This exemption is justified based on compliance with Lake County Purchasing Ordinance §33.066, the vendor's long-standing and successful relationship with the 19th Judicial Circuit Court, the operational advantages resulting from AdGators' familiarity with our existing systems, and the need for seamless integration of the new wayfinding kiosk into our current infrastructure. Thank you for your attention and consideration.