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Rep. Ramthun: Foreign Interference in Elections Cannot Stand

MADISON - State Representative Timothy Ramthun (R-Campbellsport) released the following statement regarding the arrest of Konnech's CEO for exporting voting data to Chinese servers:

"I was alarmed to learn Michigan based election software company Konnech CEO Eugene Yu was arrested this past week by the Los Angeles County DA's Office in Michigan and charged with storing and exporting the private data of nearly 2 million American election workers to a server in China under the auspices and control of the Chinese Communist Party."

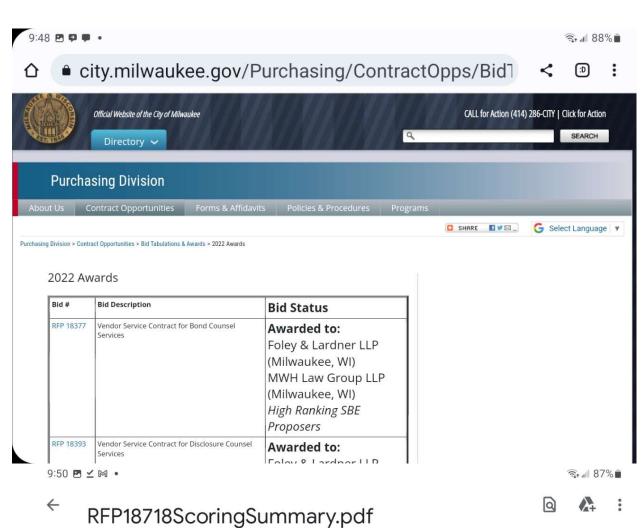
"Konnech purports itself as an election data company that utilizes their "PollChief" software to manage all communications, training and payment of election workers with at least 32 clients across America including the City of Milwaukee (See attached Konnech Milwaukee - 1, 2 and RFP18718 - 3)."

"I am deeply concerned about the privacy of any election worker in the State of Wisconsin being compromised by having their private data on a server in China and possibly being exported to the Chinese Communist Party. I will directly be reaching out to the City of Milwaukee officials responsible for the recruitment, management, and supervision of election workers to see if their private data has been compromised, and if Konnech may have had or currently has access to Wisconsin Voter Rolls. Wisconsin should follow the example of Fairfax County in Virginia, which has already terminated their contract with Konnech due to the arrest of CEO Yu."

"I have provided multitudes of evidence that reveal our elections are being manipulated. The discovery of election information sent to a foreign nation should alarm everyone, regardless of their political affiliation. There is no greater threat to our republic than foreign interference in our elections processes, in any capacity. Once again, I continue to ask the Wisconsin Legislature to fulfill its duty to the people and convene a special session so we can take action to address and resolve these issues."

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The 59th Assembly District includes Hartford, Kewaskum, Campbellsport, Eden, Cascade, Waldo, Mount Calvary, St. Cloud, and New Holstein.



City Milwankee RFP 18718 - Vendor Service Contract for Election Management Software Purchasing Agent: Diana Herrejor Telephone No.: (414)286-3716 Email: diherre@milwaukee.gov InTech Software Solutions, Inc 17.67 5.476 1/1 EasyVote Solutions 0 0 16.67 13.33 6.667 20 17.67 13.33

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RFP 18688	Vendor Service Contract for Legal Document and Case Management Solution	Cancelled
RFP 18704	Vendor Service Contract for Communications and Design Services for Milwaukee's 2023 Climate and Equity Plan	Awarded to: GRAEF-USA, Inc. (Milwaukee, WI) High Ranking Proposer
RFP 18718	Vendor Service Contract for Election Management Software	Awarded to: Konnech, Inc. (Okemos, MI) High Ranking SBE Proposer
Bid 18731	Vendor Service Contract for Preventative Maintenance and Unscheduled Repairs for Miele Dishwashers & Steris Autoclaves	Pending
RFP 18732	Vendor Service Contract for Housing Finance Consultant	Awarded to: Hope Community Capital, LLC (Madison, WI) High Ranking Proposer
Bid 18756	Vendor Contract for Auto and Truck Filters	Awarded to: Lakeside International, LLC (Milwaukee, WI) Low Complying Bidder
Bid 18767	Commodity Contract for Aluminum Light Poles	Awarded to: