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February 14, 2024

Board of County Commissioners
Cass County Government
211 9th Street South
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Re: Election Security Cage Request for Purchase

Dear Commissioners:

During elections, the county utilizes moving cages to easily pack and transport election equipment and polling location supplies from the election warehouse to the various polling places located throughout the county. The cages are designed to be securable and easily moved. Cass County has doubled the number of vote centers being offered during the upcoming 2024 election cycle which has led to the need for additional security cages.

The current cage inventory located at the warehouse totals 88 cages. The internal measurements of these cages are 26"x30"x58" each and are made from a white metal tubing that resembles PVC piping on a set of 4 rolling casters with a ramp to easily load large equipment. These cages were designed to perfectly fit the DS200 tabulators. With the increase of polling locations and overall equipment needing to be moved, we have calculated a shortage of 44 of these cages.

The vendor that supplied the current cages is no longer in business, which has required us to find a new vendor and alternative cage designs. We reached out to a few vendors for pricing and availability (see attached quotes). Midwest Distribution LLC came back with the best quote at \$393 per unit and a minimum purchase of 36 units totaling \$20,384, including shipping and handling (\$14,148 plus \$6,236 S&H).

These cages are made of a steel frame with wire rods. They are larger than our current cages at 24"x48"x70" and comes with 2 adjustable shelves. This larger, more versatile design will allow us enough storage area to make up for the 44 cages we are short.

This is not a budgeted item and will require a budget adjustment.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the purchase of 36 security cages from Midwest Distribution LLC in the amount of \$20,384 and correlating budget adjustment.

Enc: Midwest Distribution LLC Quote
Images of current cage and Midwest Distribution LLC cage
National Cart quote
Dakota Storage Product Prices

QUOTE:

02/09.2024

#020924CCND

Model#**HMWWRC8S**

Qty. 36

24"x**48**"x70"H. OD with 2 year warranty

Steel/wire rod security cart w/2x2" grid wire rod

Steel frame with supports &w/steel latch/lock mechanism

Pair of security hinged tamper free double doors

Base is 12 gauge steel with wheels inset for protection.

1 set 5" poly casters 2R2S w/brakes & steel ball bearings bolted to steel base plate for ease in movement

Bright zinc chromate finish

2 adjustable 225# capacity shelves per cart

Base is steel reinforced rod

Total cart capacity 1650#.

Cart wt. **with 2** adjustable shelves-225# ea. & base frame & wheels capacity 1650# total per cart **\$393.00 each**

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Delivery-(DDP) to customer dock. Shipping and local transit including insurance. Cost TBD

Lead time-7-8 weeks from receipt of order and vendor supplied drawing approval. Cancel prior to actual production with 5 days notice @ no charge. Any deposit with original order will be refunded.

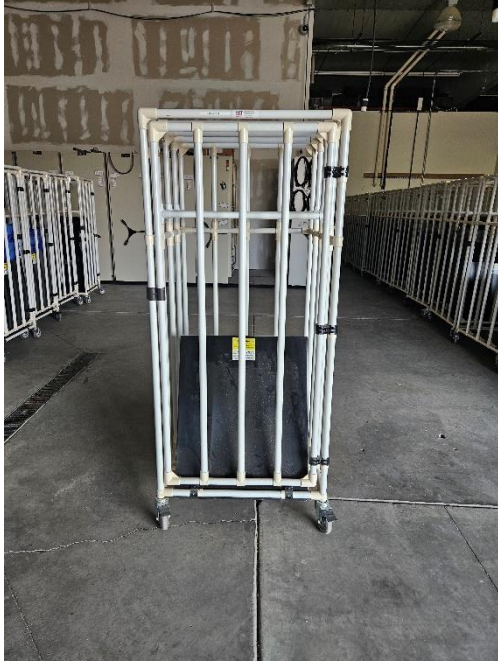
Terms-Net 10 upon delivery. Deposit payment-TBD

Notes/Other-Requires confirmation of set aside funds from County authorized official prior to production. **Shipping expenses will be calculated and provided prior to production as they vary per week.**

Note 1: IF a custom size is required, estimated per specs of 25-28" OD outside dimension add **\$49.40 per cart** w/min. qty. 40"x48"x70"

Thank you.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION LLC midwestdistribution.us 800-975-5131/765-661-1536



Current Security Cages

- 30"x26"x58"
- Metal tubing painted white
- Used for DS200s, pollpads, expressvotes, ballots, and other supplies
- Corners are PVC and prone to breaking and cracking
- Most of the ramps in the cages are getting bent



Quoted Security Cages

- 24"x48"x70"
- Steel/wire rod security cart w/2x2" grid wire rod
- Used for pollpads, expressvotes, ballots, and other supplies
- Pair of security hinged tamper free double doors
- 2 adjustable 225# capacity shelves per cart
- Steel frame with supports &w/steel latch/lock mechanism

From: [Dullea, Maurice](#)
To: [Madrigga, Brandy](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Security Cart information from National Cart
Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:26:06 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

From: Dullea, Maurice
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:14 AM
To: Steingaard, Craig <SteingaardC@casscountynd.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Security Cart information from National Cart

From: Brad Cranmer <brad.cranmer@nationalcart.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:13 AM
To: Dullea, Maurice <DulleaM@casscountynd.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Security Cart information from National Cart

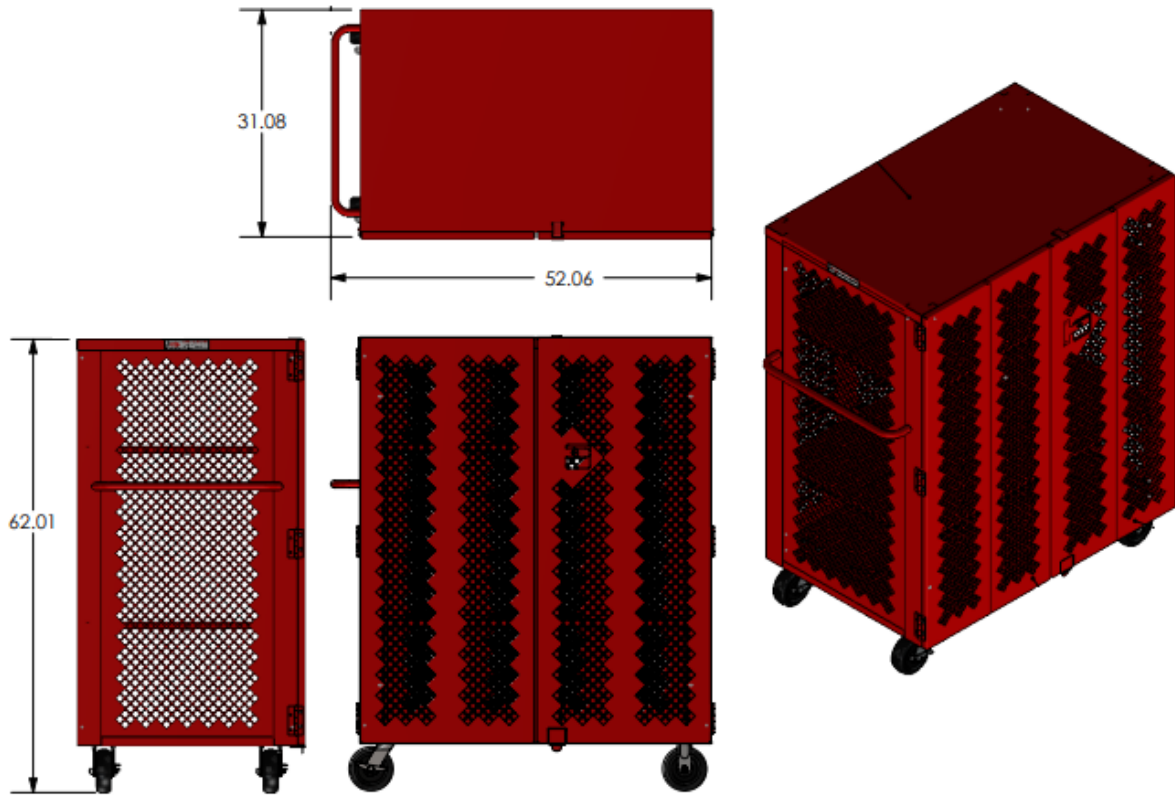
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Thanks for the information!

Below is a good fit security cart that has 2 moveable/removable shelves, locking swivel casters on the push side, and is available in red or grey.

8000405 (grey) - \$860.82 Each

8000655 (red) - \$860.82 Each



Thanks,

Brad

From: Dullea, Maurice <DulleaM@casscountynd.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:02 AM
To: Brad Cranmer <brad.cranmer@nationalcart.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Security Cart information from National Cart

Our main use will be to securely transport election equipment from our storage facility to the polling locations. Our equipment. They need to be movable, but not dangerously heavy. Our poll workers need to be able to maneuver them safely.

We have large ballot boxes/tabulators but we have enough of our current carts for those.

Mainly we are moving totes, election signage,, and cases holding equipment (largest case is 27 x 7 x 17)

From: Brad Cranmer <brad.cranmer@nationalcart.com>
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 6:59 PM
To: Dullea, Maurice <DulleaM@casscountynd.gov>
Subject: Security Cart information from National Cart

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Hi Maurice!

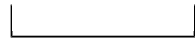
Thanks for inquiring about our security cart! We have a couple different options so what is the application you will be using these for?

That will help determine best fit.

Thanks,
Brad

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- **Made in The U.S.A.**

Valley Craft focuses on heavy gauge, fully welded, ready-to-use products using premium components. 100% Made in the U.S.A. FOB Shipping Point.

- **3-point locking system with flush mount T-handle.**
- **Fully welded 2 x 2" wire grid panels provide visibility and ventilation.**
- **Push/pull removable handle included, can be attached to either end.**
- **Dual hinged easy-swing doors open 180°.**
- **2,000 lbs. capacity.**
- **(4) Casters: 2 rigid, 2 locking swivel.**
- **(1) Shelf included, adjustable on 2" increments.**
- **Additional shelves available: 48 x 24" (F89718), 48 x 30" (F89719), 60 x 30" (F89714) - call for details.**




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Product No.	Color	Base L x W	Dimensions L x W x H	Wt. (lbs.)	Qty	Price Ea.
F89557VCGY	Gray	48 x 24"	51 x 24 x 66"	216	<input type="text"/>	\$1,625.00
F89483VCGY	Gray	48 x 30"	51 x 30 x 66"	251	<input type="text"/>	\$1,695.00
F89556VCGY	Gray	60 x 30"	63 x 30 x 66"	271	<input type="text"/>	\$1,795.00
F89557VCBL	Blue	48 x 24"	51 x 24 x 66"	216	<input type="text"/>	\$1,625.00
F89483VCBL	Blue	48 x 30"	51 x 30 x 66"	251	<input type="text"/>	\$1,695.00
F89556VCBL	Blue	60 x 30"	63 x 30 x 66"	271	<input type="text"/>	\$1,795.00
F89557VCRD	Red	48 x 24"	51 x 24 x 66"	216	<input type="text"/>	\$1,625.00
F89483VCRD	Red	48 x 30"	51 x 30 x 66"	251	<input type="text"/>	\$1,695.00
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Security Units

- **Versatile construction.**
- **Fast, secure assembly.**

Protect valuable materials and sensitive items from loss or pilferage with these heavy-gauge, open wire trucks. Contents are visible at all times making it easy to check inventory. Build stationary or mobile security units with existing shelf, post and caster options. Stationary posts are equipped with a leveling bolt to account for uneven floors. Mobile posts include four 5" polyurethane swivel casters. The durable chrome finish will not chip or flake. Unit has an ergonomic, 1/4-turn door handle that makes opening and closing easier than conventional security unit designs. The double doors each open 270 degrees and can be secured along the sides of the unit. Security units assemble quickly - right out of the box. Shipped knocked-down. FOB Shipping Point.

Includes security panels, two shelves (top and bottom) and four posts. Additional shelves sold separately.

See **Related Items** tab for Ledges & Dividers, Wire Shelving Casters and Shelving Accessories.

Surcharge may apply.



There are related items or accessories for this product. Please see the Related Items tab below.




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Image	Product No.	Description	Size W x L	Overall Size W x L x H	Wt. (lbs.)	Qty	Price Ea.
	HJSEC53	Stationary Unit	24 x 36"	27-1/4 x 38-1/2 x 66-13/16"	154	<input type="text"/>	\$670.29
	HJSEC55	Stationary Unit	24 x 48"	27-1/4 x 50-1/2 x 66-13/16"	174	<input type="text"/>	\$819.64
	HJSEC56	Stationary Unit	24 x 60"	27-1/4 x 62-1/2 x 66-13/16"	195	<input type="text"/>	\$880.36
	HMJSEC53	Mobile Unit with 4 5" Dia. Polyurethane Swivel Casters	24 x 36"	29-11/16 x 40-3/4 x 68-1/2"	162	<input type="text"/>	\$737.07
	HMJSEC55	Mobile Unit with 4 5" Dia. Polyurethane Swivel Casters	24 x 48"	29-11/16 x 52-3/4 x 68-1/2"	182	<input type="text"/>	\$886.43
	HMJSEC56	Mobile Unit with 4 5" Dia. Polyurethane Swivel Casters	24 x 60"	29-11/16 x 64-3/4 x 68-1/2"	203	<input type="text"/>	\$947.14






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