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CIT Name	Updated CalSAWS Hardware Specification and Recommendations for Windows 11

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<p>Description</p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this CIT is to provide information and guidance on hardware requirements and supported device standards for counties as the project transitions from Windows 10 to Windows 11. This document outlines the specifications and criteria for Windows 11-compatible hardware to ensure counties remain secure, up to date, and aligned with project support standards.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>Microsoft will end support for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025, at which point the operating system will no longer receive security patches, feature updates, or technical support. This end-of-life (EOL) milestone introduces increased security risks and compliance challenges for hardware that continues to operate on Windows 10. Windows 11 features require a baseline level of hardware capability, which exceeds that of many devices currently in use across counties.</p> <p>Additional Information</p> <p>The following section provides the updates made to the “CalSAWS Hardware Specification and Recommendations” document:</p>
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Workstation Minimum Requirements**	
Item	Minimum Requirement **
Processor	Intel Core i5 or equivalent 4.0 gigahertz (GHz) or faster with 10 or more cores on a compatible 64-bit processor or System on a Chip (SoC).
RAM	16 GB minimum, 32 GB recommended
Storage	256GB (SSD Recommended and Single Drive Required)
Operating System	Windows 11 Enterprise***
Browser	Edge or Chrome
Anti-Virus	Must be enterprise-level with updated definitions
Encryption****	Full Disk Encryption

HP is the required manufacturer for **Managed County workstations.

***Windows 11 Release 23H2 is the current Windows 11 Enterprise release for Managed County machines, most new machines ship with Windows 11 Professional. For licensing, Microsoft 365 licenses may cover the entitlement for Windows Enterprise, verify if this applies per user. To purchase, there is an upgrade with 3 years of software assurance for Enterprise.

****Encryption requirements apply to Non-managed Counties, as Managed County computers are encrypted as part of the standard policy applied with the image.

Laptop Options	
HP Dragonfly 13.5" G4 Notebook (Display: 13.5" WUXGA+ (1920x1280) Low Blue Light 400nit, Touchscreen, Processor: with Intel Core i5 or i7 Graphics: Intel Iris Xe, Storage: for OneDrive users, suggested onboard storage single 256 GB PCIe NVMe SSD drives, for non-cloud storage users, minimum 512 GB PCIe NVMe SSD, and Memory: soldered down, non-upgradeable, 32 GB	Laptop
HP EliteBook 860 G11 (Display: 16" diagonal WUXGA LED UWVA Anti-Glare for Webcam (1920x1200)(300 Nits) Processor: with Intel Core Ultra 5 or 7 processor Graphics: Integrated: Intel Arc Graphics or Intel Graphics Storage: for OneDrive users, suggested onboard storage 256 GB PCIe NVMe M.2 SSD, for non-cloud storage users, minimum 512 GB PCIe NVMe M.2 SSD, and Memory: 32 GB DDR5-5600 MT/s (2 x 16 GB)	Laptop
Lobby Kiosk	
HP Elite Mini 800 G9 Desktop PC (Intel Core i5-13500T up to 4.6 GHz with Intel® Turbo Boost Technology, 24 MB L3 cache, 14 cores, 20 threads, 16 GB memory, 512 GB SSD storage)	Workstation
Lobby Monitor	
HP Elite Small Form Factor 800 G9 PC (Intel Core i3-12100 Processor (3.3 GHz, up to 4.3 GHz w/Boost, 12 MB cache, 4 core, 256 GB SSD storage)	Workstation

County Actions

Counties are advised to share this guidance with appropriate IT and procurement staff to support future planning and ensure awareness of upcoming hardware compatibility requirements. Further information or requests will be communicated as part of the broader Windows 11 effort.

If you have questions on this CIT, please reach out to the Primary Contact and cc your Regional Managers.

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Attachments	CIT 0057-25 CalSAWS Hardware Specification and Recommendations.xlsx
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