



Forest Preserve District of Cook County Office of the Purchasing Agent

Sole Source Justification Form

General Information	Date: November 21, 2023
Unit/Department: Legal	Phone 312-603-0029
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Vendor Information
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Description. Please provide a description of the goods or services required, the duration or frequency of the requirement, and where will the services or goods be delivered.
Online legal research for FPCC attorneys and paralegals, including 2 attorneys not currently in the legal department. Contract is anticipated to be for one year with two (2) one-year optional renewals, the amount not to exceed \$25K per year.

Type. Please select one of the options and explain below.
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Source <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary/Copyright Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Compatibility <input type="checkbox"/> Patented Product <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclusive or Unique Capability <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain

Explanation: Why is this product or service the only one that would satisfy the requirement(s)?
<small>In 2020, the Legal Department solicited online legal research services (RFP #20-60-006022). Effective February 4, 2021, the District entered into a contract with LexisNexis for online legal research services. At LexisNexis' request the contract was subject to the same terms and conditions as Cook County's contract with the vendor. FPCC's contract with LexisNexis expired on September 30, 2023 and was extended to December 31, 2023. FPCC seeks continued use of the online legal services provided by this vendor on a sole source basis. Continuing to use LexisNexis would provide access to the same services currently used by the Legal Department - case law, statutes, administrative materials, secondary sources, online CLE programs, etc. at cost-efficient pricing. Staff would not have to be retrained on a different online legal research system. Also, as a small department, it is difficult for FPCC's Legal Department to get a certain amount of responsiveness from other potential vendors. LexisNexis has declined continuing to allow FPCC to piggyback off the Cook County contract with LexisNexis, which was extended to 9/30/2024 and has optional renewals (See Cook County Board Item No. 23-3277.)</small>

Due Diligence. Describe the due diligence performed that led to the conclusion that this is a sole source.
Legal explored three (3) other options: (1) piggybacking off the County contract, (2) Westlaw, and (3) Bloomberg. As indicated above, LexisNexis has declined to continue to allow FPCC to piggyback off the Cook County contract with LexisNexis. Westlaw had significantly higher pricing and no online CLE option, while Bloomberg was delayed in getting back to the Legal Department. Thus, the best option seems to be to remain with LexisNexis for continuity purposes, functionality, efficiency, effectiveness and pricing. While LexisNexis is not allowing the piggyback, the pricing increase from current contract is reasonable from approximately \$122.76 per attorney per month to \$132.25 per attorney per month. Paralegal access is included. FPCC Legal also intends to add Law360 access for an additional \$145 per attorney per month for up to two attorneys.

Department Recommendation	
Requestor: Lisa Lee	Date: 11-21-2023
Department Head: Lisa Lee	Date: 11-21-2023

Purchasing Agent Officer Approval: Thomas J. Conlon	
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Director of Legislative & Government Affairs Approval : Delio Calzolari	
Signature: <i>Delio Calzolari</i>	Date: 11-30-2023