



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendor: LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc., Miamisburg, Ohio

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Online Legal Research Services

Contract Value: \$75,000.00

Contract Period: 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024, with two (2) optional one-year renewals to be exercised at the discretion of the General Superintendent.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$25,000.00, FY 2025 \$25,000.00 (optional), FY 2026 \$25,000.00 (optional)

Accounts: Legal Services 51001.521055; and Dues and Subscriptions 51001.501795

Contract Number(s): #74000013449

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

The Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance is not applicable due to the contract value per year being equal to or less than \$25,000.00.

District(s): N/A

Summary: Attorneys and paralegals in the Forest Preserves' Legal Department use LexisNexis site for comprehensive web-based, online legal research and related services that are essential to their operations and provides access to primary and secondary legal documents, rules and regulations, case law and court documents. The Forest Preserves seeks authorization to continue to use LexisNexis on a sole source basis. Agreements for online services are often form agreements that apply to a general class of customer, which is the case here as well. Thus, the proposed new contract includes some non-standard provisions for the Forest Preserves. On 9/24/2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with LexisNexis for use by its State's Attorney's Office and other agencies (Board Item No. 20-4183). On 9/21/2023, the Cook County Board of Commissioners approved a one-year extension to this contract (Board Item No. 23-3277). The Forest Preserves' Legal Department has used LexisNexis since 2021.