

SINGLE / SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION

Preparation Instructions:

The appropriate department representative must complete the single source form below and forward to their Department Head, or his designee, for approval. Upon approval, forward the sole source justification to the Purchasing Agent for review and final approval. Use additional sheets if necessary.

Vendor Name: Thomson Reuters West Department: County Attorney

A complete description of the purchase:

Annual subscription to include law books, print and ebooks for attorneys and paralegals in the County Attorney's Office for legal research.

1. Why is it necessary to contract in a non-competitive manner?

Unique - Compatibility Issue

Detailed explanation:

We have a subscription to Westlaw the access to law books allows attorneys to link/view case law for research purposes.

2. What research has been performed to ensure that no other source is capable of fulfilling the requirement? (For instance, list other products or services tested or used and indicate why they are not acceptable, include patent documentation, or market analysis)

We previously utilized Lexis Nexis however it was not compatible to the legal books.

3. What are the exclusive features or capabilities the product or service offers the County?

Attorneys are able to research legal cases and view legal books online while in court.

4. Why are these features or characteristics essential and necessary to meet the County's needs?

Attorneys are able to access legal documents for court hearings at any time as neecessary.

5. What steps are being taken to foster competition in future purchases of this product or service?

We've utilized other online research services such as Lexis Nexis that did not meet all the legal needs.

Approved:



Department Head or designee


Purchasing Agent or designee

12/19/24
Date
1-28-25
Date



1-27-25



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RE: Sole Publisher Designation - Thomson Reuters Print and Preview

Dear Lori:

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- **See attached Spreadsheet**

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If you have any questions concerning this document or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chad Houghton