



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Cynthia A. Everett, City Attorney

DATE: May 20, 2014

TITLE: Motion to approve three-year contract for legal publications and online research services - \$2,770 monthly with 4% increases in years two and three.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a three-year contract, effective June 1, 2014, with West Publishing Corporation, a Thomson Reuters business, for the proprietary purchase of legal publications and Westlaw Next online legal research services, in substantially the form attached, in the estimated annual amount of \$33,240.00 with 4% increases in years two and three.

Background

The City Attorney's Office uses various printed legal publications and reference materials necessary for the practice of law. Westlaw Next is used for online legal research, which has enabled staff to discontinue purchasing several printed publications at a substantial cost savings. The annual cost for the office consisting of 12 lawyers is \$33,240.00 for the first year; \$34,569.60 for the second year, and \$35,952.38 for the third year.

Although the Research Subscriber Agreement provides for indemnification by the City in connection with Regulated Data, the subscription does not include access to Regulated Data, and the City's defenses are not waived.

Resource Impact

There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$2,770 per month for a remaining fiscal year total of \$13,850. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budget.

Funds available as of 5-6-2014					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	OBJECT CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Object Code)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Object Code)	PURCHASE AMOUNT
001-ATT010101 - 3199	Other Professional Services	Services - Materials	\$37,000	\$11,350	\$11,080
PURCHASE TOTAL ►					\$11,080

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Order Notification

Exhibit 2 – Research Subscriber Agreement

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