

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: **024**

Library

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with PROQUEST LLC to provide subscription services, for an initial term of 12 months in an amount not to exceed \$80,000, with four 12-month renewal options for a total amount not to exceed \$488,408.

Lead Department	Library Department
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$80,000 is available in the FY 2018-2019 Austin Public Library Department's Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining years of the contract is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
For More Information	Contact Sandra Cannon at 512-974-7588 or Jorge Valle at 512-974-7432.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract provides the Austin Public Library (APL) with a subscription service that allow customers' access to unique information sources primarily in an electronic format. The information sources cover a variety of topics including access to physical and digitized historic Austin-American Statesman materials, genealogical research, eJournal indexing and searching, and cutting-edge business intelligence articles. These subscription services rank among APL's most highly used information sources and are consistently in high demand by APL customers.

This is a sole source procurement that is exempt from Texas competitive procurement law.

While exempt from competitive procurement law, these transactions may exceed the City Manager's authority when aggregated for an entire fiscal year. The attached table identifies the anticipated subscription service providers, description of the expenditure and the estimated amount to be expended for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Should one of the subscription service providers no longer provide or discontinue their service platform, APL will attempt to acquire an alternative subscription service subject to the same anticipated need and expenditure level for the duration of Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

This contract will replace last year's annual subscription service which had a total expended amount of \$73,463.50. The estimated expenditure for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 was based upon continuing subscriptions with five providers authorized in the previous fiscal year and cost escalation due to increased demand for services. A 10% annual increase is anticipated from providers and this annual increase (shown below) is included in the total amount included in the posting language:

Total Amount Calculation:

Initial Term, Year 1 =	\$ 80,000
Renewal Option 1 =	\$ 88,000
Renewal Option 2 =	\$ 96,800
Renewal Option 3 =	\$106,480
Renewal Option 4 =	<u>\$117,128</u>

Total Amount Not to Exceed \$488,408

With authorization of this contract, APL will be able to provide its customers with access to the information sources and materials they have come to expect. Without access to these important subscription services, library customers will have to seek out other information sources and library patronage may be reduced.