



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 22-2447, Agenda Item #: 179.**

7/28/2022

### Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with BiblioCommons Inc. to provide subscription, support, and maintenance services for the BiblioCore online public access catalog content management system, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

### Client Department(s)

Austin Public Library.

### Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$10,902 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of the Austin Public Library. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

### For More Information:

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### Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide continued subscription, support, and maintenance services for the BiblioCore Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) content management system used to enhance the Austin Public Library (APL) existing catalog of materials. BiblioCore integrates with the existing APL system and creates a complete OPAC that features intuitive searching, account integration, new tools for discovery, eBook integration, library staff recommendations, and the ability to create a community around the library collection. BiblioCommons Inc. offers the only OPAC that provides natural language search and other social discovery tools such as lists, comments, and ratings. It also is the sole provider of the maintenance and support for the OPAC. This contract will replace the current contract that expires on September 12, 2022. This contract will provide a continuity of online catalog access as well as maintenance and support based on the same estimated annual service usage.

A delay in approving or failure to approve this contract will result in a loss of the ability for customers to search library items, access account information and place holds on library materials. This would adversely affect over 435,000 library cardholders.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All, Culture and Lifelong Learning.