

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Jim Gray
Mayor

Janet M. Graham
Commissioner

TO: Jim Gray, Mayor
Urban County Council Members

FROM: Department of Law

DATE: November 3, 2014

RE: Westlaw On-line Legal Research Contract

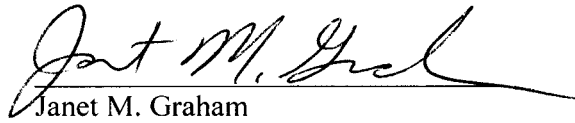
The Department of Law is requesting approval to amend its contract with Thomson West ["West"] for on-line legal research. The current contract price for on-line research is \$2,033.67 monthly subject to a 2% increase at the beginning of each contract year. We are in the third year of this contract and it is up for renewal.

The renegotiated price will be 2,048.00 per month subject to only 1% increases each year. In addition, we are adding Practical Law content, an additional research tool.

It is the general consensus of the Law Department that the West on line legal research is far superior to Lexis, the other legal online service provider. West is more recognized by and familiar to the Courts and Judges. West offers more legal research resources (that are recognized as the best resources on various topics) than Lexis. West is the larger of the two companies and offers a program called "CLEAR", a people search tool (which the Police Department also utilizes). Our CLEAR contract is also up for renewal and we have renegotiated this contract as well. We have lowered the out year increases to 1% per contract year and we were able to add Web analytics feature at no cost.

In addition, this contract allows us to receive any book publications from West at a 50% discount. We have stopped the majority of all paper publications with a few exceptions. In addition, a non-availability of funding clause was incorporated into the agreement.

I request your approval of these contracts.


Janet M. Graham
Commissioner of Law

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