

RESOLUTION NO. 2002- 57

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2002-017 WITH LEXIS NEXIS TO PROVIDE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES, AS REQUIRED, FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AT A TOTAL PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,740.00 (GENERAL FUND - LEGAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

WHEREAS, the Authority has a recurring requirement to obtain legal research services for use by the professional legal staff in performing legal duties; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Lexis Nexis, located at 9443 Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 to provide On-Line Legal services, as required, was received on February 22, 2002, in response to a competitive solicitation; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, the proposal of Lexis Nexis was determined to be the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager deems acceptance of the offer of Lexis Nexis, as negotiated, to be in the best interest of the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cuyahoga County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the offer of Lexis Nexis, as negotiated, to provide Legal Research Services, is hereby accepted as the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and all other factors considered.

Section 2. That the General Manager of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Lexis Nexis for the performance of said services.

Section 3. That said contract shall be payable from the RTA General Fund, Legal Department Budget in an amount not to exceed forty thousand seven hundred forty and 00/100 dollars (\$40,740.00).

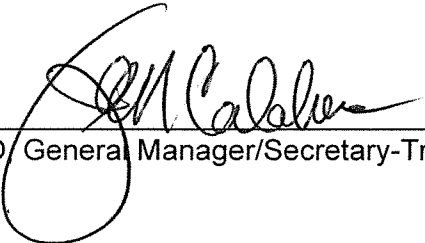
Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon funding for future years; compliance by the contractor to Specifications and Addenda thereto, if any; the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2001-064; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.

Section 5. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: April 16, 2002



President

Attest: 

CEO General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority
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	Date: April 1, 2002
	Initiator: Legal Department
ACTION REQUEST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Review/Comment <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

1.0 PURPOSE/SCOPE: This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for obtaining legal research services, as required, for a period of two years.

2.0 DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION: The Authority has a recurring requirement to procure on-line legal research services for use by its attorneys, law clerks, and paralegals in performing necessary legal duties. The database must include a variety of federal, state, and local case laws and legislative materials.

3.0 PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND: Two proposals were received in response to the request for proposals. After evaluation by a panel of Authority employees in accordance with established Procurement Department policies and procedures, and after negotiations, the proposal of Lexis Nexis was selected to be the most advantageous to the Authority for obtaining an on-line legal research system.

The proposal selected is for a flat rate subscription plan that includes the vast majority of Legal Department research requirements and that eliminates the need for the CD ROM Library system. There are some databases, features, and services that are not included in the flat rate price but they are available at an additional cost on a as-required basis. The Legal Department currently has a subscription system that charges on a hourly/transactional basis for on-line services as well as a CD ROM Library system for research. A not to exceed price of \$19,800.00 for the first year and \$20,940.00 for the second year, for a total not to exceed price of \$40,740.00 was negotiated.

The Lexis service is a full-text legal information service to help legal professionals research the law more efficiently. It provides access to both primary and secondary legal information. The companion Nexis news and information service provides access to recent and archival news and financial information. The Lexis Nexis Group is a world leader in providing enhanced information services and management tools.

A cost analysis was performed, and the Procurement Department has determined the negotiated rates and total not to exceed price to be fair and reasonable to the Authority.

4.0 DBE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BACKGROUND: All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. The goal for this procurement was 0% due to the lack of subcontracting opportunities.

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- 5.0 POLICY IMPACT: Does Not Apply.
- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This procurement will be funded through the RTA General Fund, Legal Department budget at a total price not to exceed forty thousand seven hundred forty and 00/100 dollars \$40,740.00. The budgeted amount for this project was \$80,000 for the two year contract and the negotiated price for this contract is 49% below the budgeted estimate.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this contract. Rejection of this contract will prevent the Authority from utilizing an on-line legal research system and would adversely impact the RTA Legal professionals in the performance of their duties.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of Lexis Nexis be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager to enter into a contract.
- 9.0 ATTACHMENTS: None.

Recommended and certified as appropriate to the availability of funds, legal form and conformance with the Procurement requirements.



M. L. Loh (Acting for MC)

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer