

RESOLUTION 2007-134

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NO. 2007-078 WITH LEXISNEXIS TO PROVIDE LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH A TWO-YEAR OPTION, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,224.00 FOR THE BASE YEARS AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,480.00 FOR THE OPTION YEARS FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,704.00. (GENERAL FUND, LEGAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET)

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

WHEREAS, the proposal of LexisNexis, located at 9443 Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, OH 45342 to provide on-line legal research services for a period of three years with a two-year option was received July 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after negotiations, the proposal of LexisNexis to provide on-line legal research service for a period of three years with a two year option in an amount not to exceed fifty-two thousand two hundred twenty-four & 00/100 dollars (\$52,224.00) for the base three years and in an amount not to exceed thirty-seven thousand four hundred eighty & 00/100 dollars (\$37,480.00) for the option years was determined to be the most advantageous to the Authority, cost and other factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer deems the negotiated offer of LexisNexis to be in the best interest of the Authority, price and all other factors considered, and recommends acceptance thereof by the Board of Trustees.

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 LexisNexis, as negotiated, to provide on-line legal research services, as required, for a period of three years with a two-year option be and the same is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority be and he is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with LexisNexis to provide on-line legal research services, as required, for a period of three years with a two-year option.


Section 3. That said contract shall be payable out of the General Fund, Legal Department budget, in an amount not to exceed fifty-two thousand two hundred twenty-four & 00/100 dollars (\$52,224.00) for the base three years and in an amount not to exceed thirty-seven thousand four hundred eighty & 00/100 dollars (\$37,480.00) for the two year option for a total contract amount not to exceed eighty-nine thousand seven hundred four & 00/100 dollars (\$89,704.00).

Section 4. That said contract shall be binding upon and an obligation of the Authority contingent upon appropriation of funds for future years; compliance by the contractor to the Specifications and Addenda thereto, if any, the Affirmative Action Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in Resolution 2007-064; bonding and insurance requirements and all applicable laws relating to contractual obligations of the Authority.


Section 5. That the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority's Board of Trustees expects LexisNexis will attempt to exceed the 0% minimum DBE goal assigned to this procurement.

Section 6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted: September 18, 2007



President

Attest: 

CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer



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	Date: September 13, 2007
	Initiator: Legal Department
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- 1.0 **PURPOSE/SCOPE:** This action will allow the Authority to enter into a contract for providing on-line legal research services, as required, for a period of three years with the Authority retaining a two-year option.

- 2.0 **DESCRIPTION/JUSTIFICATION:** The Authority has a recurring requirement to procure on-line legal research services for use by its attorneys and law clerks in performing necessary legal duties. The database must include a variety of federal, state, and local case law and legislative materials. Having this service is essential for the Legal Department to represent GCRTA in state and federal courts, administrative agencies, private arbitration and other tribunals.

- 3.0 **PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:** The Request for Proposal was posted on the procurement website and advertised in the local newspapers. 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 LexisNexis to provide on-line legal research services for a period of three years with a two-year option was selected as the most advantageous to the Authority.

LexisNexis was a former service provider for the Authority. In the past, they satisfactorily provided legal research services for the Authority. Their proposal was the most responsive to the required RFP service parameters listed in the Scope of Services. They provide a comprehensive suite of management tools and information services necessary for making informed legal decisions. LexisNexis provides a basic service and offers a premium database at an additional cost for complex issues. They provide a variety of training options as well as research assistance.


A cost analysis has been performed and the Procurement Department has determined that the pricing of LexisNexis is fair and reasonable to the Authority.

- 4.0 **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/DBE BACKGROUND:** All Affirmative Action requirements have been met. A 0% DBE Goal was established for this procurement due to lack of subcontracting opportunities.

- 5.0 **POLICY IMPACT:** Does not apply.

- 6.0 ECONOMIC IMPACT: This contract will be funded through the General Fund, Legal Department budget, in an amount not to exceed fifty-two thousand two hundred twenty-four & 00/100 dollars (\$52,224.00) for the three-year period and in an amount not to exceed thirty-seven thousand four hundred eighty & 00/100 dollars (\$37,480.00) for the option years for a total contract amount not to exceed eighty-nine thousand seven hundred four & 00/100 dollars (\$89,704.00). This negotiated price is equal to the amount budgeted for this project.
- 7.0 ALTERNATIVES: Reject this offer. Rejection of this offer will leave the Authority without critical legal research services causing problems with obtaining current and accurate legal information in today's changing legal environment.
- 8.0 RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the offer of LexisNexis be accepted and the resolution passed authorizing the General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer 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.



CEO, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer