

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting: October 5, 2017

 Item Number: **007**
Library

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Proquest LLC to provide subscription services, for a term of 12-months in an amount not to exceed \$81,000.

Fiscal Note	A fiscal note is not required.
<u>For More Information</u>	Contact Sandra Cannon at 512-974-7588 or Monica McClure at 512-974-9619.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract provides the Austin Public Library (APL) with a subscription service that allows customers access to unique information sources primarily in an electronic format. The information sources cover a variety of topics including access to digitized historic Austin-American Statesman materials, interactive legal forms, automobile repair manuals, genealogical research, and cutting-edge business intelligence articles. This subscription service ranks as one of APL's most highly used information sources and is 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 City Manager's authority when aggregated for an entire fiscal year. The table below identifies the anticipated subscription service providers, description of the expenditure and the estimated amount to be expended for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. 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 2017-2018.

This contract will replace last year's annual subscription service which had a total expended amount of \$70,243.50. The estimated expenditure for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was based upon continuing

subscriptions with five of the same six providers authorized in the previous fiscal year and cost escalation due to increased demand for services.

With authorization of this contract, APL will be unable 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.