

Office of the County Attorney

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October 2, 2012

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Robert F. Meehan
County Attorney

Re: **Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with West, a Thomson Reuters business, for the provision of legal research tools to add certain research databases and to increase the not to exceed amount by \$8,100.00**

On or about November 12, 2009, your Honorable Board, approved a resolution which authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with West, a Thomson Reuters business ("West"), for the provision of legal research tools for a three (3) year period commencing December 1, 2009 and terminating November 30, 2012 in amount not to exceed Two Hundred Nineteen (\$219,000.00) Dollars, payable monthly, and subject to County appropriation. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The County subsequently added additional legal research databases necessary for the effective legal representation of the County such as New York Public Employee Relations Board Decisions and New York Jury Verdict Search. However, the ultimate costs of the additional databases exceeded the initial estimates of the same. The County is now desirous of increasing the not to exceed amount of the Agreement by Eight Thousand One Hundred (\$8,100.00) Dollars in order to pay for West's legal research services through the end of the term of the Agreement. Accordingly, authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for the County to amend the Agreement with West to add certain research databases and to increase the not to exceed amount by Eight Thousand One Hundred (\$8,100.00) Dollars for a new not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred (\$227,100.00) Dollars.

The goals and objectives of this proposed Amendment are to provide access to comprehensive and current legal information, grouped into specialized libraries and standard research files in connection with the legal representation of the County in various civil matters. The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by assisting the attorneys in the County to perform legal research in an efficient and cost effective manner as well as enabling the attorneys to keep apprised of the latest legal developments so that the Department can efficiently represent the County in all legal matters.

I believe it is in the best interest of the County to enter into the within described amendment. Accordingly, I recommend that your Honorable Board approve the annexed proposed Resolution authorizing the amendment to the Agreement with West.

RFM/jpi
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/15/2012 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Attorney, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with West, a Thomson Reuters business, for the provision of legal research tools to add certain research databases and to increase the not to exceed amount by Eight Thousand One Hundred (\$8,100.00) Dollars for a new not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand One Hundred (\$227,100.00) Dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all instruments necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

Agreement LAW # 804

Original Agreement: \$219,000
This Amendment: \$ 8,100
Total: \$227,100

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	101	18	1000	4070		1000	\$8,100

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 Start Date 12/1/09 End Date 11/30/12
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$8,100
State Aid _____
\$8,100 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____