



Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 21, 2014

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition & Contract

From: Janet DiFiore,
District Attorney

Re: **Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement between the County of Westchester, acting by and through its District Attorney's Office and West, a Thomson Reuters business, for the provision of computer-assisted legal and general research services.**

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement with West, a Thomson Reuters business ("West"), for the provision of computer-assisted legal and general research services including printed materials for a three year period commencing January 1, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2017, for a total amount not to exceed \$170,727.00, subject to County appropriation and payable pursuant an approved budget.

The District Attorney's Office sought presentations from LexisNexis and West for the purpose of comparing both companies online legal research applications. For our purposes, the District Attorney's Office found the West product to be superior in that it is easier to use, pulls up searches quicker and can furnish bill jackets, as needed. These important features, along with the fact that West is significantly less expensive than LexisNexis, compel this Office to purchase this important service from West. It is imperative to ensure that the legal staff of the District Attorney's Office has access to the most up-to-date information regarding current laws, law reviews and journals, news, annotated statutes, citations, etc. It is integral for a staff of Assistant District Attorneys in today's electronic era to have access to these materials in order to fulfill their professional responsibilities and thereby properly protect the rights and safety of the taxpayers of Westchester County.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this agreement from the procedures of the County's Procurement Policy. A resolution to exempt this agreement from procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the District Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient and accordingly not in the best interests of the County in connection with the procurement of an agreement with West, a Thomson Reuters business, for the provision of computer-assisted legal and general research services.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/11/2014 - SOMMA VIERA, SECRETARY