



## MEMORANDUM

### AMENDED "SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION"

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court

FROM: Martha L. Salazar, CPPB  
Hidalgo County Purchasing Agent *mls*

DATE: August 12, 2014

RE: "Sole Source Declaration"-for Online Legal Services and Subscription Books

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Hidalgo County Law Library is currently possesses and utilizing services from "Westlaw Publishing Corporation-Thomson Reuter" and would like to continue these services. These services are designed to help all Legal services in the research in various, statues, regulations, laws etc.

The specific software product/package needed by the Hidalgo County Law Library is only available through one source-Westlaw Publishing Corporation-Thomson Reuter. It is necessary for the law library to continue making this online research available to its users.

The Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office also requires the same assistance and help for legal research in preparing the investigating and prosecution of all types (civil, criminal, appeals, etc.) of legal cases under its statutory duties, responsibilities and obligations. In addition, the HC District Attorney also requires the subscribing to all types and manner of books, journals, periodicals and the like offered under Westlaw Publishing Corporation-Thomson Reuter.

Therefore, the purchase of both on-line legal research and books from "Westlaw Publishing Corporation-Thomson Reuter" is required by not only the Hidalgo County Law Library and District Attorney but all other applicable Hidalgo County elected offices, departments, programs and/or agencies (through all funding sources) in order to further the due process of the legal system and related functions.

This amended sole source declaration to remain in effect unless revoked by Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.