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Hidalgo County Purchasing Department Sole Source Affidavit

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL PURCHASING DOCUMENT – RETAIN WITH PURCHASE ORDER

Before me, the undersigned official, on this day, personally appeared Korinne Magnuson, a person known to me to be the person whose signature appears below, whom after being duly sworn upon his/her oath deposed and said:

1. My name is Korinne Magnuson over the age of 18, have never been convicted of a crime, and am competent to make this affidavit.
2. I am an authorized representative of the following company or firm: LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc.
3. The above-named company or firm is the sole source for the following item(s), product(s), or service(s):
LexisNexis is the sole source provider of the Lexis+ online legal research services and Shepard's Citation Service.
4. Competition in providing the above-named item(s), product(s), service(s) is precluded by the existence of a patent, copyright, secret process, or monopoly as stated under Section 262.024(a)(7)(A), of the Local Government Code. Also, attached hereto is a sole source letter, which sets forth the reasons why this Vendor is a sole source provider (dated and signed).
5. There is/are no other like item(s) or product(s) available for purchase that would serve the same purpose or function.
6. Note: This Vendor understands that by providing false information on this Sole Source Affidavit, it may be considered a non-responsible Vendor on this and future purchases and may result in discontinuations of any/all business with Hidalgo County.

Signature: Korinne Magnuson

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO under oath before me on 27th day of September, 2023

[Signature]
 Notary Public
Kelly Ann Reed
 Printed Name
4-2-28
 My Commission Expires



Company Name: LexisNexis, a division of RELX Inc.

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Federal Tax ID Number: 52-1471842 Texas Sales Tax Number: 15214718429



MEMORANDUM

SOLE SOURCE DECLARATION

TO: Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court

FROM: Ignacio Amezcua MBA, CTCM, CTCD *IA*

DATE: September 15, 2023

RE: Sole Source Declaration for LexisNexis

LexisNexis has been the pioneer of legal research by developing unique and innovative software services like Lexis, Lexis+, Nexis, Shepard's Citations, and State Net etc. Hidalgo County would benefit from partnering with LexisNexis by utilizing their unique patented services. The following provides an understanding regarding LexisNexis ability to deliver for Hidalgo County:

- a. Hidalgo County cannot competitively bid because Hidalgo County Department(s) have become accustomed to the user interface of the system, and having a change in systems each time we go out for bids will prevent efficiency for Hidalgo County Department(s).
 - i. Sometimes during trial an attorney has 10-15 minutes to locate case law. In the event that the vendor is changed it would take about 6 months to adjust to the new interface which would inhibit our ability to prosecute cases accurately.
- b. LexisNexis has a very accurate sherardization process that other similar services do not provide. This is important because our Hidalgo County Department(s) need to be able to provide reliable case citations while in court. We cannot be citing cases if it is no longer good law, reliance on the case is faulty.
- c. Other similar services do not give prior versions of law, and at Hidalgo County we prosecute crimes based on the setting of the crime.
- d. Case headnotes from LexisNexis contain language directly from court opinions rather than competitor's editorial interpretations.
- e. User interface for LexisNexis is much more user friendly. They use a computer assisted legal research interface that make large bodies of law easily available.
- f. LexisNexis offers a superior search engine than other similar databases. Their search engine uses word ties/connectors that populate 1000s of results that allow the attorney to uses more words to funnel results to the topic or law they are looking for as well as natural language search, not just one or the other but both.
- g. Lexis Answers provides Artificial Intelligence that interprets the searches and mines answers. When a user types a query AI is able to learn and understand the query offering suggestions to your research.
- h. LexisNexis offers patented services that other vendors do not provide.



- i. LexisNexis has unique features like Lexis+, a software that provides the most relevant data-driven insights for legal research, practical guidance, and brief analysis in a single workflow.
- j. LexisNexis can provide brief analysis to build strong arguments, find relevant material, and have the capability to compare two versions of a statute sections side-by-side to better understand law, legislations, and statutory changes over time.

In Accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 262.024 (a)(7)(A), (a)A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption:
(7)Any item that can be obtained from only one source, including:
(A)Items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

Therefore, for the reason stated herein, we humbly request that the Hidalgo County Commissioners' Court declare a Sole Source Vendor, for the purpose of Subscription Agreement(s) with LexisNexis. This sole source declaration will remain in effect through the life term of the, unless otherwise revoked by the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court.



September 15, 2023

476th District Court, TX

LexisNexis, the pioneer of the legal research industry, is the sole source provider of the Lexis+ online services. Unique aspects of the online services include the following:

- **Shepard's Citations Service:** *Shepard's* has been the most trusted authority for determining good law and enhancing legal research for more than 140 years. Unlike other citators, *Shepard's* covers the complete spectrum of editorial analysis, from very negative (overruled) through mild negative (distinguished) to true positive (followed). Other citators can erroneously lead you to believe that a case is no longer good law, when it is has been expressly followed in other jurisdictions or on the issue at hand.
- **Lexis+ Litigation Analytics:** Powered by industry-leading Lex Machina[®] analytics and unrivaled CourtLink[®] docket coverage, Lexis+ Litigation Analytics provides the most relevant data-driven insights into the behaviors and trends of judges, courts, attorneys and law firms. These are available for the first time ever with Legal Research, Practical Guidance, and Brief Analysis in a single, efficient workflow.
- **Code Compare:** Compare two versions of a statute section side-by-side to better understand the law, legislative intent and statutory changes over time.
- **Brief Analysis:** Build the strongest arguments and find relevant materials with targeted recommendations based on the citations and concepts in your document.
- **Practical Guidance:** Work at maximum efficiency with ready-to-use practice notes, checklists, forms, drafting tools and insights from thousands of leading practitioners.
- **Missing and Must Include:** View which terms are missing from a document in the results set without opening a document and rerun the search with your must-have terms.
- **Search Tree:** Understand why terms are missing from the results set so you can change your search strategy and select the requisite terms to refresh the results set.
- **Legal Issue Trail:** A patented research tool increasing the accuracy of research. A user selects a specific passage within a case, then Legal Issue Trail lists cases citing to the issue.
- **Topic Summary Reports:** Valuable information about your documents' legal topics. Reports may include definitions; elements; links to seminal cases, codes and secondary sources further analyzing the issue; burdens of proof; and standards of review.
- **Case headnotes from LexisNexis contain language directly from court opinions:** Our closest competitor's headnotes include editorial interpretations of court language.
- **Ravel View:** See the citing relationships between cases in your Lexis+ search results with Ravel View. Ravel View graphically presents the top 75 results from your search.
- **Lexis Answers:** A powerful Artificial Intelligence approach to interpreting searches and mining answers. Start typing a query, and the machine-learning technology behind Lexis Answers understands your query and can even suggest a natural-language question for you. Then it anticipates your research path, curating and delivering a concise Answers Card plus comprehensive, relevant search results.



Sincerely,

Greg Hayes

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Purchasing Department 22. I. 1.

**CC REGULAR AGENDA SPECIAL
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District Courts

Meeting Date: 09/19/2023

Submitted For: Ignacio Amezcua,
PURCHASING DEPT.

Submitted By: Pablo Granados

Department: PURCHASING DEPT.

CAPTION

476th District Court:

A. Requesting exemption from competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Texas Local Gov't Code 262.02(a)(7)(A), items for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

B. Acceptance and approval of the "Sole Source Declaration" for LexisNexis for any and all patented software services to be utilized by HC, with said declaration to remain in effect while the declaration is in place or until revoked by HCCC;

C. Requesting approval to enter into a one (1) year "Subscription Service Agreement", between HC 476th District Court and LexisNexis, with authority for County Judge to sign any and all required documents.

BACKGROUND

Project No. 23-0375.

Fiscal Impact

CALENDAR YEAR: 2023

ACCT. #: 3-1100-412-00-013-001-0-640

FUNDS AVAILABLE Y/N?: Y

MATCHING FUNDS Y/N?:

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Funding will be available as of 9/18/2023.

Attachments

1295 form(s)

Legal Approval

Sole Source Letter

Sole Source Declaration

Form Review

Inbox

Purchasing / Internal

Final Approval

Form Started By: Pablo Granados

Final Approval Date: 09/15/2023

Reviewed By

Ignacio Amezcua

Monica Salinas

Date

09/15/2023 04:59 PM

09/15/2023 05:00 PM

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