

Analysis

This resolution approves a sole source contract between the Metropolitan Government and West Publishing Corporation to provide a comprehensive online legal research database for attorneys and paralegals in the Department of Law and other Metropolitan departments.

Sole source contracts may be awarded under the Metro procurement code when it is determined that there is only one source for the supply or services rendered. Section 4.12.060 of the Metro Code requires all sole source contracts having a total value in excess of \$250,000 to be approved by the Council by resolution.

The term of the contract begins on January 1, 2024, and ends on December 31, 2028. The estimated value of the contract is \$820,395.60.

This sole source is requested by the Department of Law. According to the sole source justification form, the West Publishing Corporation develops and maintains the comprehensive online legal research database "Westlaw", which is used by the Department of Law and other Metro departments. The product is necessary for advising Metro employees, departments, boards, and commissions, and to represent these clients in legal proceedings. Westlaw is the only product that effectively fulfills this need.

Fiscal Note: The estimated value of this sole source contract no. 6553556 is \$820,395.60 to be paid from Fund 10101, Business Unit 061110110.