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Agenda Item V, 2. May 25, 2023

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THOMSON REUTERS FOR WESTLAW SUBSCRIPTION

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of New York, as follows:

- Section 1. that RIOC is hereby authorized to enter into the contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw Subscription, upon such terms and conditions substantially similar to those outlined in the Memorandum from Gretchen K. Robinson to Shelton J. Haynes/RIOC Board of Directors dated May 16, 2023, attached hereto;
- Section 2. that the President/Chief Executive Officer or President's designee is hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such instruments as deemed necessary to effectuate the foregoing; and
- Section 3. that this resolution shall take effect immediately.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: RIOC Board of Directors
Shelton J. Haynes, President & CEO

FROM: Gretchen K. Robinson, VP & General Counsel

DATE: May 16, 2023

RE: Thomson Reuters Westlaw legal subscription renewal

Background

At its June 22, 2020 meeting, the RIOC Board of Directors authorized a three-year contract with Thomson Reuters for Westlaw legal research libraries for a total amount of \$60,045. The current contract covers Westlaw subscription for RIOC’s attorneys; and will expire on June 30, 2023.

For the Legal Department to effectively service the Corporation, it is essential that staff continues to have access to systematic, reliable, and accurate legal research materials which are available only through paid-for subscriptions with specialized providers. Westlaw is proven legal research system offering various plans for government entities such as RIOC. While there is one other major legal research provider operating in the United States (LexisNexis), given the existing familiarity of RIOC’s staff with Westlaw, as well as the fact that the prices between Westlaw and LexisNexis are generally comparable, we recommend continuing the services provided by Westlaw for Government.

Terms of Contract

For the upcoming three-year contract renewal, Legal negotiated 3% annual increase instead of 5% originally offered by Thompson Reuters for a total amount of \$73,031.40 for three years, as detailed in the table below:

Year	Monthly Cost	Yearly Cost
1	\$1,968.99	\$23,627.88
2	\$2,028.06	\$24,336.72
3	\$2,088.90	\$25,066.80

RIOC's current Westlaw subscription includes the mandatory for attorneys Continued Legal Education (CLE) component. However, as of May 27, 2023, CLE will be no longer provided by Thompson Reuters, but by the third-party provider, at a higher price. To lock in the current CLE subscription cost, Thompson Reuters recommended entering into the new three-year contract before May 27, 2023, with the one-month bridge that keeps RIOC's at the current rate through June 30, 2023. Other contract terms will remain the same.

The Westlaw subscription is offered exclusively through the vendor's Government Market Segment, which tailors the search engines to government authority needs, as well as providing a special government-discounted rate. The renewal options would include Westlaw access for four RIOC attorneys, instead of three, for the same cost.

Recommendation

The Westlaw legal subscription would give the Legal Department the necessary tools to conduct comprehensive legal research and serve the needs of the Corporation. For the reasons noted above, the Legal Department recommends Board approval to enter into a three-year contract with Thomson Reuters Westlaw for online legal research libraries for RIOC's attorneys for a total amount of \$73,031.40. The new contract will expire on June 30, 2026.