ORDINANCE NO. 022-21

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT
WITH LAW BULLETIN
PUBLISHING CO., INC. FOR AN
ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION TO
LAWYERPORT

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority (“Authority”) requires access to comprehensive Cook County and Illinois court and public records information and news; and

WHEREAS, Law Bulletin Publishing Co, Inc.’s (“Law Bulletin”) Lawyerport platform is the only source of local jury verdict, settlement, and arbitration summaries that are essential in the Authority’s analysis and comparative evaluation of incoming claims and ongoing litigation; and

WHEREAS, The Authority has used Law Bulletin’s Lawyerport platform since 2001; and

WHEREAS, With its focus on local and state court cases, Law Bulletin remains the only provider of the services required, as there is no other vendor that provides the depth of detailed information available through this online subscription; and

WHEREAS, Staff proposes that the Authority enter into a new contract with Law Bulletin for use of its Lawyerport platform; and

WHEREAS, The agreement will allow Lawyerport access for approximately 60 attorneys and 30 Law Department support staff, and Law Bulletin will provide the Authority’s licensees with all training necessary to enhance the use of Lawyerport; and

WHEREAS, The agreement also includes customer and technical support via help desks available online and by telephone and subscriptions to certain Law Bulletin print publications; and

WHEREAS, Law Bulletin provides the proprietary online subscription to the Lawyerport platform and licenses, as well as the research and development necessary to provide bug fixes, system support for trouble calls, updates, and upgrades; and

WHEREAS, This procurement was reviewed and approved by the Authority’s Sole Source/Disadvantageous Review Committee (SDRC) following no other vendor responses to its advertisement on the Authority’s website for a period of three weeks; and
WHEREAS, Section 1.4A of the Authority's Procurement Policy and Procedures provides for the award of contracts without competitive bidding “where the goods or services to be procured are procurable from only one source”; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends award of a contract to Law Bulletin Publishing Co., Inc. under Requisition No. B22OP01757 for an online subscription to Lawyerport for up to thirty months in the not-to-exceed amount of $115,000.00; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. Based on the statements set forth in the recitals of this ordinance, the Chicago Transit Board hereby determines that the goods and services being procured are procurable from only one source.

SECTION 2. The Chairman of the Board, the President of the Authority, and the Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Law Bulletin Publishing Co., Inc. for an online subscription to Lawyerport for access to comprehensive Cook County and Illinois court and public records information and news for up to thirty (30) months in the not-to-exceed amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($115,000.00).

SECTION 3. The Chairman, President, and Vice President of Purchasing and Supply Chain, or their designees, are further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the objectives of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED: ________________________________  PASSED: ________________________________

Chairman  Assistant Secretary
February 9, 2022  February 9, 2022