

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2020-18

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2020

Title of Resolution: Approval – Westlaw Edge Software – Multiple Year Contract

Synopsis: A Resolution to approve a three (3) year lease agreement between the Cecil County Government and Thomson Reuters West Publishing Corp. to purchase Westlaw Edge Software with State and Municipal Analytics Subscription for a total cost of \$52,218.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced and ordered posted on: August 18, 2020

Scheduled for consideration on: September 1, 2020

By: James Massey
Council Manager

Notice and title of Resolution having been posted by August 18, 2020 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and consideration by the Council having been scheduled on September 1, 2020.

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Explanation: CAPITAL LETTERS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING DOCUMENT
Strike through indicates language deleted from existing document
Underlining indicates language added to document by amendment.
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1 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2020, the County
2 Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2021; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held
4 public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2021; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on May 19, 2020 the
6 County Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2021; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the States’ Attorney of Cecil County department budget for Fiscal Year 2021 includes
8 funding to purchase Westlaw Edge Software to be used by the attorneys working for the Office of the State’s
9 Attorney as well as the County Attorney (County Attorney’s department budget is responsible for \$300 of
10 the monthly subscription price); and

11 **WHEREAS**, Thomson Reuters West Publishing Corp. has agreed to offer the County a three-year
12 agreement to purchase 21 subscriptions of the Westlaw Edge Software Primary subscription as well as the
13 State and Municipal Analytics for Governments for a total payment of \$52,218 over three years (\$1,407.84
14 per month with a 3% year over year increase); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the proposed subscription agreement is in excess of \$20,000.00 aggregate, and is for
16 multiple fiscal years, for which County Council approval is required in accordance with Section 515(d) of the
17 Cecil County Charter; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive now seeks County Council approval of the aforementioned three (3)
19 year subscription agreement with Thomson Reuters West Publishing Corp.

20 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
21 **MARYLAND**, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Thomson
22 Reuters West Publishing Corp. to purchase Westlaw Edge Software with State and Municipal Analytics
23 Subscription for a total cost of \$52,218.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND**, that all
25 provisions of the Resolution shall take effect on the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED: August 18, 2020

ADOPTED: September 1, 2020

ATTEST:


Council Manager


President of the Council



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The approval of this resolution will not have a fiscal impact as the cost of the subscription was budgeted for FY2021.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The States' Attorney's Office has requested to enter into a three year subscription with Thomson Reuters West Publishing Corp. to allow the attorney's in his office access to Westlaw Edge Software with State & Municipal Analytics Subscription. This subscription is an online research tool used by attorney's to access criminal code law. The subscription will allow access by the attorney's and the investigators. The subscription also covers access for the County Attorney. The three year agreement will hold the cost to a 3% increase per year after the first year.