



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 24-1613, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Risk Management

Vendor: Mercer Health & Benefits Administration LLC, New York, New York

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Voluntary Benefits Administration

Original Contract Period: 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2024 with two (2) two-year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Renewal

Proposed Contract Period: Renewal period 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$0.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): Board, 6/27/2019, \$0.00

Increase Requested: N/A

Previous Board Increase(s): N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s): N/A

Previous Board Renewals: N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals: N/A

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Extension(s): N/A

Potential Fiscal Impact: N/A

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 1730-16794

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via: Direct participation.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: This two, two-year renewal option will allow the Department of Risk Management to continue to receive Voluntary Benefits Administration services, including Critical Illness Insurance, Accident Insurance, Short-Term Disability Insurance, Voluntary Universal Life Insurance, and Pre-Paid Legal Services. These Voluntary Benefits are intended to complement the group health benefit offerings and provide value-added services to Cook County employees and plan administrators. Although an administrative element is involved in offering these benefits, these are no-fee services for the County as the employee contributes the full cost of each product on a post-tax basis. A payroll deduction interface is established with the vendor to facilitate deductions. The contract was awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) process in accordance with Cook County Procurement Code. Mercer Health & Benefits Administration LLC was selected based on established evaluation criteria.