



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

File #: 13-2154, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Office of the Chief Judge

Vendor: The Chicago Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Legal Aid and Mediation Services for the Circuit Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Contract Value: \$4,700,666.52

Contract period: 12/1/2013, through 11/30/2016

Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact: FY 2014 \$1,523,426.00, FY 2015 \$1,566,489.12, FY 2016 \$1,610,751.40.

Accounts: 310-260

Contract Number(s): 1323-12465 A

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance.

The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer concurs

Summary: A Request for Proposal was issued for Courts Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. An RFP process was followed in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. The Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) offers the best value to the County and is recommended for the award of Legal aid and mediation services for the Circuit Court's Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

The Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF) will manage and administer legal aid and mediation services to homeowners participating in the Circuit Court's free Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. The services are provided by CBF's three (3) subcontractors: Chicago Legal Clinic (for pro bono legal aid); Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (for pro bono legal representation at mediation); and the Center for Conflict Resolution (for mediator services). As of 9/30/2013, CBF's subcontractors provided free legal advice to more than 90,000 families, and legal representation at mediation to more than 5,000 families. More than 7,000 mediation sessions have been conducted since the program began.

The Chicago Bar Foundation was originally selected to manage the program's legal services with the initiation of the Mortgage Foreclosures Mediation Program in March 2010.