



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Office of the Chief Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

Vendor: Center for Divorce Education, Athens, Ohio

Request: Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to renew contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Online Parenting Education

Original Contract Period: 2/1/2018 - 1/31/2021, with two (2), one (1) year renewal options

Proposed Amendment Type: Renewal

Proposed Contract Period: Renewal period 2/1/2022 - 1/31/2023

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$0

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): Board approval 1/17/2018, no-cost contract

Increase Requested: N/A

Previous Board Increase(s): N/A

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

Previous Board Renewals: 9/24/2020, (2/1/2021 - 1/31/2022)

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Renewals: N/A

Previous Board Extension(s): N/A

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

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2022 \$0, costs paid by program participants

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 1753-16211

Concurrences:

The contract-specific goal set on this contract was zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: The Center for Divorce Education (CDE) operates an online parenting education program on behalf of the court for litigants appearing in the Domestic Relations Division, pursuant to section 404.1 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, and Illinois Supreme Court Rule 924. In 2018, CDE was awarded a three year contract, with two, one-year renewal options to operate the “Children In Between Online” program. The court proposes to execute the second of the two renewal options available in the contract.

There is no fiscal impact to Cook County for providing these services. The costs of classes are paid by the program participants at a rate of \$50 per class, unless the fee is waived pursuant to a court order. Cook County receives 20 percent of fee collections as a reimbursement for program costs, estimated at \$40,000 per year.

CDE was originally selected to provide the services pursuant to a Request for Proposal (RFP), conducted in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. CDE was recommended based on established evaluation criteria.