



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

---

**File #:** 15-0007, **Version:** 1

---

### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department, Circuit Court of Cook County

**Vendor:** Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Forensic clinical services

**Original Contract Period:** 6/1/2009 - 5/31/2012

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2015

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$7,362,463.00

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** 11/18/2009, \$4,691,070.00

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** (12/18/2012, Increase \$720,000.00, Extension 1/1/2013 - 6/30/2013); (5/29/2013, Increase \$1,831,393.00, Extension 7/1/2013 - 12/31/2014)

**Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s):** (6/1/2012, Extension 6/1/2012 - 11/30/2012); (11/13/2012, Increase \$120,000.00, Extension 12/1/2012 - 12/31/2012)

**This Increase Requested:** \$1,257,000.00

**Potential Fiscal Impact:** FY 2015 \$1,152,000.00, FY 2016 \$105,000.00

**Accounts:** 326-260

**Contract Number(s):** 10-41-14

#### **Concurrences:**

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

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** The Juvenile Court Clinic is responsible for providing a variety of forensic clinical services to the court in juvenile court legal proceedings to help judges, lawyers, probation officers and staff of the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center to make informed and relevant decisions concerning minors and families. These

services include clinical coordination and referrals in the courtrooms, court-ordered forensic clinical assessments, expert testimony, evaluation of community-based mental health resources, and education on mental health issues and court proceedings. The Clinic also works with the JTDC to address treatment needs of detained minors. Juvenile Court Clinic staff includes mental health professionals who use a multi-disciplinary approach to provide high quality mental health assessments that are relevant, timely, culturally-sensitive and in a form that bridges the legal and mental health fields. The Clinic operates in all 28 courtrooms of the Juvenile Justice Division and Child Protection Division in Chicago and the suburban municipal districts. In 2013, the Juvenile Clinic processed about 4,000 requests for services and produced 197 forensic evaluation reports to the court.

The average monthly cost of the proposed extension is 20 percent less than the cost of the last three year contract.