



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

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

Vendor: The Chicago Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Guardianship Assistance Help Desk for Minor Services

Original Contract Period: 5/1/2014-4/30/2017, with two (2), one-year renewal options

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 5/1/2019- 4/30/2020

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$337,543.00

Original Approval (Board or Procurement): 4/9/2014, \$196,680.00

Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s): 4/25/2018, \$69,419.00, 5/1/2018 - 4/30/2019

Previous Chief Procurement Officer Increase(s) or Extension(s): 3/3/2017, \$69,419.00, 5/1/2017 - 4/30/2018

This Increase Requested: \$75,500.00

Potential Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$56,625.00, FY 2020 \$18,875.00

Accounts: 11100.1310.33790.520830.00000.0000

Contract Number(s): 1390-13098

Concurrences:

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MWBE waiver.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

Summary: This increase and extension will allow the Chicago Bar Foundation to (CBF) manage the off-site legal services for the Circuit Court's Guardianship Assistance Help Desk for Minors, while a Request for Proposal is completed. The Help Desk, located on the tenth floor of the George W. Dunne Administration Building, provides free legal assistance to thousands of *pro-se* litigants each year who are seeking to obtain guardianship of minors in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. The role of the CBF is to coordinate the efforts of more than 200 volunteer lawyers who work in conjunction with court staff to ensure litigants find available legal assistance. In addition, CBF partners with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) to give the desk access to more than 2,000 attorneys willing to provide pro bono legal assistance to the litigants. The CBF also conducts trainings for all volunteers.

This contract was awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposal (RFP) procedures in accordance with the

Cook County Procurement Code. The Chicago Bar Foundation was selected based on established evaluation criteria.