



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT (TECHNOLOGY)**

**Department(s):** Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

**Vendor:** Lexis Nexis VitalChek Network, Inc, Brentwood, Tennessee

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to amend contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Countywide Credit/Debit Card Acceptance Processing Service

**Original Contract Period:** 2/2/2017 - 2/1/2022, with two (2), one-year renewal options

**Proposed Amendment Type:** Amend scope to add remote Bail Bond Deposit Transactions to the contract

**Proposed Contract Period:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** Revenue Generating

**Original Approval (Board or Procurement):** Board, 12/14/2016

**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):** 1518-14825

#### **Concurrences:**

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

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

The Chief Information Officer has reviewed this item and concurs with this recommendation.

**Summary:** The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court (“Clerk’s Office”) is requesting an amendment to the current contract to provide for remote Bail Bond payments. Due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic the Clerk’s Office has received an increased demand from citizens and arresting agencies for making bail bond payments online.

LexisNexis VitalChek Network Inc. has agreed to accept Bail Bond deposits up to \$500 (the equivalent of a \$5,000 bond), however due to the high risk of chargebacks for online bail bond payments the vendor is requesting for the credit card processing fee to be increased to 3.5% vs the current 2.1% to help mitigate losses that may be incurred due to fraudulent transactions. The current contract with LexisNexis VitalChek Network Inc. indemnifies our Office of any chargebacks for any reason.

Remote bail bonds will provide a convenient method of payment to those who now have to come into the courthouse to post bail, will help protect the health and safety of the general public and court employees due to the current pandemic.

This contract was awarded through Request for Proposals (RFP) procedures in accordance with the Cook County Procurement Code. LexisNexis VitalChek Network was selected based on established evaluation criteria.