



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6503, **Agenda Item #:** 28.

1/30/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for digital content platform database subscriptions for Austin Public Library with Proquest LLC d/b/a Proquest-CSA LLC, for an initial term of three years with up to two one-year extension options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$500,000. Funding: \$275,219 is available in Austin Public Library's Operating Budget. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Public Library.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$275,219 is available in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget of Austin Public Library.

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Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

MBE/WBE:

Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide access to a digital content platform for Austin Public Library patrons. Patrons can digitally borrow and access historical and contemporary resources including Ancestry Library, 360 Core (an eJournal for online newspapers, magazines, and journals), and historical newspapers.

Proquest LLC d/b/a Proquest-CSA LLC is the sole provider of the Proquest platform and is the current provider of these services.

If this contract is not approved, library patrons will lose access to the materials provided by the platform.