

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Manila Shaver, Chief of Police**
Date: **January 28, 2019**

Accurint® for Law Enforcement JPA (aka: LexisNexis)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

LexisNexis is a private company, which provides informational resources to a number of potential clients including law enforcement agencies. By utilizing the LexisNexis' Accurint® for Law Enforcement product, law enforcement agencies can solve cases faster, free up valuable staff to work on higher priority cases and minimize the costs associated with lengthy investigations. Accurint® for Law Enforcement expedites the identification of people and their property, addresses, relatives and business associates by providing instant access to a comprehensive database of public records that would ordinarily take days to collect.

Many years ago Dakota County law enforcement agencies collaborated to create the Criminal Justice Network (CJN); an entity that helps foster informational exchanges among criminal justice partners. Seeing the advantage of a robust investigative database, CJN was able to negotiate a substantial fee reduction with LexisNexis, thereby making the Accurint® for Law Enforcement an affordable option to cash-strapped cities.

Currently the police department uses the TLOxp TransUnion informational service. This is a basic database search system. The LexisNexis system is much more robust and is anticipated to produce better search results. More importantly, the LexisNexis product comes with crime analysis functions. For police departments having access to information is good, being able to use that information to predict, analyze and be more proactive is better.

Lastly, both the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Police Departments are a part of the LexisNexis consortium. Having a common metro-wide product to depict incidents of crime to our residents, helps foster a sense of transparency and commonality with the public. To view this benefit, just visit the City's police page and click on the Community Crime map (click [HERE](#)).

At first glance, this agreement may appear a little more complicated than other agreements the City has entered into. While it does contain the normal sections of a typical agreement, two other factors added to the complexity of this agreement. First, is the services being provide (information on individuals) and the associated liability of potential misuse of this information. Secondly, using CJN as a "Billing Intermediary," see page 3, section (xii). Our City Attorney worked extensively with the LexisNexis staff to ensure the City's interest were foremost while this agreement was being finalized.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The CJN consortium paid 50% of the annual fee, thus the below amount, which is the annual cost to the police department for the LexisNexis product, is the remaining 50% divided among the eight CJN agencies. This amount is in the 2019 and 2020 police proposed budgets.

			Amount
Fund:		101	\$1,700
Department:		42100	
Account:		40399	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the contract with LexisNexis by adopting the draft resolution. The contract was reviewed by the City Attorney and no notable concerns were identified. The contract is dependent on budgetary funds.