

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 23-245

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH WEST PUBLISHING  
FOR WEST PROFLEX LEGAL RESEARCH

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) wants to ensure its deputy prosecuting attorneys (DPAs) have the necessary access to legal research to successfully assess, prepare, negotiate and prosecute all cases – criminal, civil, and family support; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all DPAs have access to the most current online legal research available; and

WHEREAS, our Criminal DPAs have expressed a need for expanding our existing contract with West Publishing to include access to legal briefs for legal research purposes; and

WHEREAS, the PAO has contracted with West Publishing, which is owned by Thomson Reuters, to provide access to such online legal research for many years; and

WHEREAS, the PAO has sufficient expenditure authorization in its approved 2023 budget for expanding its legal research access; and

WHEREAS, West Publishing's West Proflex package offers Westlaw Edge, which the PAO has been using for the past three years, and Briefs, which expands our access, is \$241,159.00 over a 36-month contract;


NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council approves the PAO request to enter into a contract (Order Q-06934991) with West Publishing for the provision of West Proflex for \$241,159.00 over a 36-month term, for access to legal research, and authorizes the Executive to sign the contract.

PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Deputy Clerk of the Council