



# The State Bar of California

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## **OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM 50-1 JULY 2021**

**DATE:** July 23, 2021

**TO:** Members, Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Steve Mazer, Chief Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Specified Contracts Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6008.6

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This item requests approval to execute contracts for goods or services with a value in excess of \$50,000; or, for information technology (IT) goods and services, in excess of \$100,000.

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### **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6008.6, the State Bar shall award no contract for goods, services, or both, for an aggregate amount in excess of \$50,000, or for information technology (IT) goods, services, or both, for an aggregate amount in excess of \$100,000, except pursuant to the standards established in Article 4 (commencing with section 10335) of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code and approval of the Board of Trustees.

### **DISCUSSION**

The contracts listed below are in excess of \$50,000 (or, for IT goods and services, in excess of \$100,000), and have met the standards established by Article 4 of the Public Contract Code, as implemented through the State Bar's Procurement Policy. These contracts require approval by the Board of Trustees in order to be executed.

Ref #	Office	Cost Center	Fund	Vendor	Contract Amount	Goods or Services
1	Access & Inclusion	8236	Grant	Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC)	\$80,000	Coordination and training related to Homelessness Prevention Legal Services Grants
2	Admissions	8399	Legal Specialization	Prometric LLC	\$181,000	Examination question management system
3	General Services	5520	General	Thomson Reuters	\$51,000	Legal materials subscription

**1. Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC)**

Vendor facilitates communication and coordination between Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account- (IOLTA) funded grantee programs, trains advocates in core substantive areas, analyzes best practices, and assesses and improves the effectiveness of the delivery of legal aid. The State Bar has contracted with LAAC since 2002 to provide these services to the legal aid community. Prior to 2014, LAAC was operated by the Public Interest Clearinghouse (OneJustice). The requested contract amendment is for coordination and training related to Homelessness Prevention Legal Services Grants. The cost is included in the annual budget for the Office of Access & Inclusion.

**2. Prometric LLC**

Vendor provides a cloud-based examination question management system that will facilitate the storage, maintenance, and development of the Legal Specialist Examinations. The system allows for version history, psychometric and other analysis history and tracking, and ease of importing and exporting data and statistics. The cost is included in the annual budget for the Office of Admissions.

**3. Thomson Reuters**

Vendor provides legal materials used by several State Bar offices. The request is for one-year costs and is included in the annual budget for General Services.

**FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT**

The expenses above are included in the 2021 budget for the cost centers noted, or will be included in the budget for future years, per the normal budget planning process.

**AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF THE STATE BAR**

None

## **AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL**

None

## **STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

Goal: None - core business operations

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Should the Board of Trustees concur in the proposed action, passage of the following resolution is recommended:**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves execution of the contracts listed herein.

## **ATTACHMENT(S) LIST**

None