



The State Bar of California

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM 50-1 MAY 2024

DATE: May 16, 2024

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

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.

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. The 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 | Regulation | 9110 | General Fund | SoftFile | \$66,700 | 2025 Bar Card Printing |
| 2 | Public Trust Liaison | 1310 | General Fund | Language Line Solutions | \$168,000 | Translation Services |
| 3 | Information Technology | 5310 | General Fund | NextPhase.ai | \$71,680 (total contract value \$346,640) | Data Analytics Development and Support |
| 4 | Information Technology | 5310 | General Fund | EyeP Solutions | \$145,966 | Network Security Services |
| 5 | Information Technology | 5310 | General Fund | Oracle America, Inc. | \$300,640 | Oracle Fusion Cloud Annual Licensing and Maintenance |
| 6 | Information Technology | 5310 | General Fund | Insight Public Sector | \$144,987 | Network Monitoring Services |
| 7 | Information Technology | 5310 | General Fund | AT&T Calnet 3 | \$130,000 | Data Communication Services |
| 8 | Information Technology | 5310 | General Fund | 21Tech, LLC | \$130,000 (total contract value \$198,000) | Interim Chief Information Officer Services |
| 9 | General Counsel | 4110 | General Fund | Richards, Watson & Gershon APC | \$25,000 (total contract value \$75,000) | Legal Services |
| 10 | Admissions | 8312 | Admissions Fund | Edlen Electrical Exhibition Services LV | \$73,000 | July 2024 Bar Exam Testing Site AV/Electrical Services |
| 11 | Admissions | 8312 | Admissions Fund | Elite Athlete Services | \$104,550 | July 2024 Bar Exam Testing Site |
| 12 | Strategic Communications & Stakeholder Engagement | 1210 | General Fund | Chapter Three | \$125,950 | Website Redesign |

1. SoftFile

Vendor manufactures and mails Bar cards. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Division of Regulation.

2. Language Line

Vendor is the State Bar's provider of verbal and written translation services. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Public Trust Liaison.

3. NextPhase.ai

Vendor provides information technology professionals. The contract is for a data analytics professional to assist with the Microsoft Azure data migration project. The cost for this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Information Technology.

4. EyeP Solutions

Vendor provides network security services. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Information Technology.

5. Oracle America, Inc.

Vendor provides Oracle Fusion Cloud software. The contract is for the annual license renewal. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Information Technology.

6. Insight Public Sector

Vendor is a licensed reseller of network monitoring services. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Information Technology.

7. AT&T

Vendor provides data communication services. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Information Technology.

8. 21Tech, LLC

Vendor is providing a senior executive IT resource to serve as Interim Chief Information Officer (CIO), while the recruitment for a permanent CIO is underway. The cost for this contract is funded through salary savings in the annual budget for the Office of Information Technology.

9. Richards, Watson & Gershon A.P.C.

Law firm is retained to provide advisory legal services involving the interpretation and application of public entity ethics and conflict of interest laws to the State Bar, its Board of Trustees, officers, and employees. Approval is requested for the additional contract amount of \$25,000. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of General Counsel.

10. Edlen Electrical Exhibition Services of California, Inc.

Vendor provides audio visual and electrical services for the July 2024 Bar Exam. These recurring services are part of core business operations in the Office of Admissions and are included in the annual budget.

11. Elite Athlete Services

Vendor provides testing space for the July 2024 Bar Exam. These recurring services are part of core business operations in the Office of Admissions and are included in the annual budget.

12. Chapter Three

Vendor provides digital platform services for the State Bar’s website redesign. The cost of this contract is included in the annual budget for the Office of Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Engagement.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

Unless a different funding source is specified, the expenses above are included in the 2024 budget, or will be included in the budget for future years, for the cost centers noted, per the normal budget planning process.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES

None

AMENDMENTS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY MANUAL

None

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

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 LIST

None