

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

June 18, 2007

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THE LITERATURE RESOURCE CENTER DIGITAL ARCHIVE.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase order with The Gale Group, Inc. for the Information Services Department to purchase the Literature Resource Center Digital Archive in the amount of \$113,204 in FY 2007.

BACKGROUND:

The Pasadena Public Library has held an annual subscription to the Literature Resource Center (LRC) since 2002. This electronic resource is available via the library's website and can be accessed by an unlimited number of users within the library or remotely with a Pasadena Public Library card. This useful resource provides full-text literary criticism, reviews, and up-to-date biographical information. It complements other holdings in the library's collection, and is particularly useful to students at the high school and college levels for their literature studies. It allows for direct patron access as well as branch access to this collection of resources. The Library utilizes this electronic collection instead of continuing to purchase print volumes which would be available only at Central Library.

Since 2002, the library has subscribed or "leased" access to the content of the Literature Resource Center. Each year the subscription price increases by 5% to accommodate updated data and service. Thomson Gale is now offering a purchase option that allows libraries to own the database content as of last year. This purchase option is for Literature Resource Center content owned by Thomson Gale. The subscription rate then becomes only a hosting fee which is much less than the annual subscription fee. The hosting fee also provides access to the additional content created each year and for Literature Resource Center content not owned by Thomson Gale. The hosting fee increases by 5% each year.

While the one-time cost to purchase the Digital Archive is higher than the FY 2007 subscription fee, the ongoing cost of the hosting fee in subsequent years is much lower, thus ensuring a savings in the long term and helping to reduce future costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

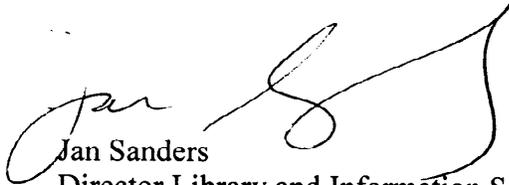
The cost to purchase the Digital Archive is \$103,004. This cost plus the 2007 hosting fee of \$10,200 will mean an outlay of \$113,204 in FY 2007. Sufficient funds are available to cover this one-time cost. In the recommended FY 2008 budget, sufficient funds to cover the hosting fees have been identified.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

Approved by:



Jan Sanders
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1. Contractor/Organization Name:
The Gale Group, Inc.

2. Name(s) of trustees, directors, partners, officers of Contractor/Organization:

Thomson Corporation
Metro Center, One Station Place
Stamford, CT 06902

3. Names of those with more than a 10% equity, participation or revenue interest in Contractor/Organization:

Same as above

Prepared by: Karen [Signature]
Title: Mgr., Contract Administration
Date: June 13, 2007

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