

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY DIVISION**

SOLE SOURCE POSTING

The Washington State Library contemplates awarding a sole source contract to NewsBank, Inc. in order to license news content for a one-year trial period at a one-time, discounted price. The Washington State Library is testing the relevance and usefulness of this content to public, academic, school, and community college libraries throughout Washington State. Through this contract NewsBank offers access to digitized newspapers from around the state, most of which are exclusive to the company, including access to the *Seattle Times*. The Washington State Library will explore whether having access to Washington newspaper coverage represents a significant value for library users seeking information on local history and genealogy.

The contract will be issued on or about August 31, 2018. The dollar value is estimated at \$120,000.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are handicapped by NewsBank's exclusive rights for distributing the package of desired publications. However, capability statements detailing ability to meet the state requirements must be submitted no later than August 8, 2018.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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