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ATTN: Michelle B. Arnold
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Sincerely,

Rebecca Rickabaugh

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Product Data Manager

What are we buying? (brief description of the products)- How you intend to use the product/service?

ProQuest Recent Newspapers is a digital archive that offers full-page images of recent editions of essential and most-requested newspaper titles. Recent Newspapers makes some titles available as stand-alone titles, and others are bundled into regional collections. For titles in the program, coverage begins in the late 2000s and goes up through the most recent issue with a three-month embargo. The Recent Newspapers content is hosted on the ProQuest platform, and is fully searchable at the page level and cross-searchable with all other products on the ProQuest platform. Together with ProQuest Historical Newspapers and Global Newsstream, ProQuest Recent Newspapers delivers complete news coverage, giving researchers breadth, depth, content, and context all in one place. We are purchasing a digital database of the Tampa Bay Times, the newspaper of record for the Clearwater area. It is intended for public research use and will be available to any library patron.

What is unique about the product?

The database includes the complete paper, cover-to-cover. Researchers can study the progression of issues over time through these newspaper pages, including articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, editorial cartoons, and so much more.

What about this makes it a sole source?

ProQuest is the only company that digitizes full newspapers with all sections included and provides subscriptions for libraries and library patrons.

Is there an alternative available? If so, why is it not acceptable?

There is no alternative digital source available.

What is the benefit for the agency/city/public?

Patrons and staff will have access to over 20 years of recent newspapers that cover the local area. By subscribing to this database, we can enhance the city and library's commitment to preserve community history and culture and ensure that a permanent copy is always available.

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