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ATTN: Michelle Arnold
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Rebecca Rickabaugh

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Product Data Manager

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What about this makes it a sole source?

ProQuest is the only company that microfilms and digitizes newspapers and provides subscriptions for libraries and library patrons.

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

Newspapers.com provides individual subscriptions, but does not allow for multiple users in a library setting.

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

Patrons and staff will now have access to over 100 years of newspapers that cover the local area. The newspapers are digitized and searchable which will make research much easier for both patrons and staff. By subscribing to this database, we can enhance the city and library's commitment to preserve community history and culture.

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