



Agenda Item 3a
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TO: Clipper® Executive Board

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RE: Next-Generation Clipper® (C2) Legal Services: Thompson Coburn LLP

In May 2016, the Executive Board approved a contract with Thompson Coburn LLP for C2 legal services in an amount not to exceed \$450,000. Since early July 2016, MTC's Office of General Counsel and Clipper® staff have been working with the lead attorneys on the Thompson Coburn team, Rhonda Thomas and Anthony Anderson, to refine the preliminary C2 procurement process and schedule. With their recent experience with the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) on the implementation of the Ventra fare collection system for CTA, Metra and Pace (involving bus, light rail and commuter rail), we have already found them to bring valuable insights and innovative approaches to the challenges posed by the C2 procurement.

We have just concluded our first on-site working session, and invited Rhonda Thomas and Anthony Anderson to today's meeting of the Board.



Carol Kuester