



Memorandum

TO: Federated City Employees' Retirement System
Board of Administration

FROM: Ron Kumar

SUBJECT: Investment Related Subscriptions

DATE: March 13, 2024

Approved

Date March 13, 2024

Recommendation

Discussion and action to add funds for additional services to the following investment related subscription agreements and for the CEO to negotiate and execute amendments with the following firms (*cost shared 50/50 with Police and Fire plan):

- *Bloomberg Index Services (Term 8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025; NTE \$15,000)
- *Frank Russell Company (Term 1/3/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$1,600)
- *JP Morgan (Term 8/20/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$9,000)
- *Bloomberg Finance, L.P. (Term 8/27/2024 - 8/28/2025; NTE \$165,000)
- *Burgiss Group, LLC (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026; NTE \$44,000)
- *eVestment (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$27,500)
- *Institutional Limited Partners Association (Term 3/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$7,500)
- *Pitchbook Data, Inc. (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$29,000)
- Klarity Fx (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$22,500)
- Zeno (Abel Noser) Solutions (Term 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025; NTE \$16,500)

Background

INVESTMENT SUBSCRIPTIONS								
Firm	Category	FY 2023-24 Annual Fee	Term		Annual Fee	NTE	P&F Allocation	Federated Allocation
Bloomberg Index Services	Index License	14,000.04	8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025	12 months	14,004.04	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Frank Russell Company	Index License	1,064.00	1/3/2024 - 6/30/2025	17 months	1,126.59	1,600.00	800.00	800.00
JP Morgan	Index License	10,000.00	8/20/2024 - 6/30/2025	10 months	8,600.00	9,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Bloomberg Finance, L.P.	Research	159,480.00	8/27/2024 - 8/28/2025	12 months	163,960.00	165,000.00	82,500.00	82,500.00
Burgiss Group, LLC	Research	20,000.00	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026	24 months	20,700.00	44,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
eVestment	Research	27,000.00	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	12 months	27,301.00	27,500.00	13,750.00	13,750.00
ILPA	Research	4,000.00	3/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	15 months	5,500.00	7,500.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
Pitchbook Data, Inc.	Research	28,080.00	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	12 months	28,080.00	29,000.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
Klarity Fx	Trading Cost Analysis	22,487.00	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	12 months	22,487.00	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
Zeno (Abel Noser)	Trading Cost Analysis	14,700.00	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	12 months	16,200.00	16,500.00	16,500.00	16,500.00

Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan and Federated City Employees' Retirement System have subscription agreements with the above firms for various services. Staff is requesting to add funds for additional services for each vendor listed above for continuity of service. The cost of the subscriptions

will be shared equally between the Police & Fire and Federated plans except for Klarity Fx and Zeno (Abel Noser) Solutions where each plan has separate contracts.

Following is a summary of services provided by each firm:

- **Bloomberg Index Services** – public markets index license.
- **Frank Russell Company** – public markets index license.
- **JP Morgan** – public markets index license. Fees prorated to align with the plans’ fiscal year-end.
- **Bloomberg Finance** – subscription for access to market data. Increase of 3% from prior term.
- **Burgiss Group** – subscription for private markets data. Fee increase of 3% from prior term.
- **eVestment Alliance** – subscription for public markets investment analytics and research tools. Fee increase of 1% from prior term.
- **Institutional Limited Partners Association (ILPA)** – membership for private markets investment data, research, and tools. Fee increase of \$1,500 (38%) from prior term as fee structure tiers shifted from private equity assets under management (“AUM”) to total plan AUM.
- **Pitchbook** – subscription for private markets due diligence data.
- **Klarity Fx** – trading cost analysis for foreign markets separate accounts.
- **Zeno (Abel Noser) Solutions** – trading cost analysis for domestic separate accounts. Fee increase of \$1,500 (10%) from prior term.

The following four subscription contracts are not part of this approval, however provided for information purposes. These contracts are either currently not due for renewal, approved previously, or pending review.

For information purposes only, not part of this approval	Category	FY 2023-24 Annual Fee	Term	Status	NTE	P&F Allocation	Federated Allocation
MSCI	Index License	1,000.00	1/7/2024 - 1/6/2025	Renews Jan. 2025	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
BCA Research	Research	11,896.00	9/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	Pending Review	14,500.00	7,250.00	7,250.00
Dynamo Software	Research Mgmt System	87,000.00	1/24/2024 - 6/30/2025	Approved Dec. 2023	87,000.00	43,500.00	43,500.00
MSCI Barra, LLC	Risk Mgmt Data	192,000.00	6/1/2023 - 5/31/2024	Pending Consultant RFP	192,000.00	96,000.00	96,000.00

Conclusion

Staff recommends approval of the recommendations as outlined above.

Ron Kumar
Investment Operations Supervisor