

Memorandum



Date: December 20, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

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Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

Subject: Recommendation to Extend Contract Nos. 51a-d: State Governmental Representation and Consulting Services in Tallahassee, Florida

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approve extensions to Contract Nos. 51a-d for governmental representation and consulting services in Tallahassee, Florida for up to nine months, on a month-to-month basis, to allow time for the replacement contracts to be awarded.

CONTRACT NOS: Q51a, Q51b, Q51c and Q51d

CONTRACT TITLE: State Governmental Representation and Consulting Services in Tallahassee, Florida

DESCRIPTION: These contracts were awarded to obtain state governmental representation and consulting services before the executive and legislative branches of the state government to include a full range of lobbying, governmental consulting and advocacy services.

CURRENT TERM: The original contract term was two years (from February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2005), with a two-year option to renew at the County's sole option. At the January 20, 2005 Board meeting, staff's recommendation to extend the contracts for six months was approved. The recommendation to extend for a shorter period of time, forgoing the option to renew, was based on the County's desire to re-solicit these services in order to restructure and reduce the pool of vendors, and to re-align the start of the contracts to coincide with the State legislative process. When the Board approved contract extensions were due to expire on July 31, 2005, the County exercised its administrative authority to extend the contracts for six months, until January 31, 2006, to allow time to complete the re-procurement of these services.

The initial Board approved extension, together with the administrative extension and this request to extend for up to nine months, in the aggregate, fall within the two-year option to renew period which was previously anticipated under the contracts.

CONTRACT AMOUNT: Aggregate amount of \$650,000 annually, plus up to \$75,000 for work orders per contract, per year.

USING/MANAGING AGENCIES AND FUNDING SOURCE(S): Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
General Fund

CURRENT EXPIRATION: January 31, 2006

MODIFIED EXPIRATION: The contracts will be extended on a month-to-month basis, until replacement contracts are awarded.

VENDORS: **Q51a:** Ronald L. Book, P.A.
Q51b: Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell & Hoffman, P.A.
Q51c: Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A.
Q51d: Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP

CONTRACT MEASURES: There are no contract measures assigned to these contracts.

LIVING WAGE: Not applicable. The services to be provided are not covered under the ordinance

USER ACCESS PROGRAM (UAP): The contracts include the 2% User Access Program provision. The County will collect the UAP.

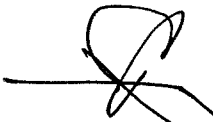
LOCAL PREFERENCE: Not applicable.

PROJECT MANAGER: Jose Rasco, Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

ESTIMATED EXTENSION COMMENCEMENT DATE: The effective date of the resolution will be 10 days after the expiration of the Mayoral veto period and completion of the period stipulated for reconsideration of the approval by the BCC.

BACKGROUND

The County has four governmental consultants providing lobbying services under Contract Nos. Q51a-d which expire on January 31, 2006. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ No. 75) was issued by the County to replace the current contracts. However, the RFQ was placed on hold in the solicitation phase. The RFQ process has since resumed and the replacement contracts are not anticipated to be in place by the expiration date of the current contracts. As the County has exhausted its administrative authority to extend these contracts, approval by the Board is requested to ensure continuity of service.



Assistant County Manager

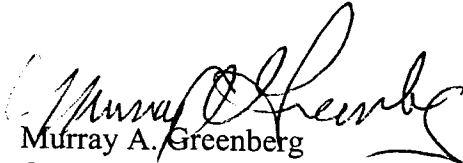


MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 20, 2005

FROM: 
Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A)(2)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**
- No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 14(A) (2)
12-20-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENTS, FOR UP TO NINE MONTHS, WITH RONALD L. BOOK, P.A.; RUTLEDGE, ECENIA, PURNELL & HOFFMAN, P.A.; PENNINGTON, MOORE, WILKINSON, BELL & DUNBAR, P.A.; AND SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY, LLP, TO PROVIDE STATE GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN TALLAHASSEE, FL CONTRACT NOS. Q51A, Q51B, Q51C and Q51D

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the extension of the agreements, for up to nine months, with Ronald L. Book, P.A.; Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell & Hoffman, P.A.; Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A.; and Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLP, and authorizes the County Manager to execute supplemental agreements for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County to extend the agreements.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

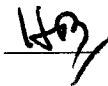
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this
20th day of December, 2005. This Resolution and contract, if not vetoed, shall become
effective in accordance with Resolution No. R-377-04.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Hugo Benitez