



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 25, 2006

Approved

Deanna Antua

Date

6/9/06

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN OPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT WITH PATTON BOGGS, LLP FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the option to extend the agreement with Patton Boggs, LLP, for legislative representation services in Washington, D.C., for the period July 1, 2006, through to June 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$122,500.

OUTCOME

Approval of this recommendation will allow the City to continue its advocacy in Washington D.C. on critical issues of concern and interest with the assistance of the lobbying firm of Patton Boggs LLP.

BACKGROUND

The City of San Jose is often recognized as a leader in municipal services and for its quality of life. This reputation is a direct outgrowth of City government's ability to make informed public policy decisions and influence the direction in which the City is headed at a regional, state, and national level. Recognizing that federal and state legislative activities impact local government, the City must possess the ability to respond to emerging trends with an informed legislative strategy.

Since January of 2003, the firm of Patton Boggs LLP has provided the City of San Jose with lobbying services and legislative and grant information on a regular basis. The firm of Patton Boggs assigned Edward Newberry, Marek Gootman and Kevin O'Neill as its key contact for coordinating interaction with the City. These individuals are the City's representatives with congressional offices and federal agencies through which the City pursues federal funding and legislative outcomes that are consistent with the City's legislative priorities adopted by the Council each year.

In addition to providing regular reports, representatives of Patton Boggs visit San Jose to meet with the Mayor, Council members and City staff to report on Washington activities and to identify areas of federal legislative priority. At any time the firm is available to assist Council members and their staff by providing information and/or resolving specific federal legislative issues.

ANALYSIS

The firm of Patton Boggs provides continuity for the City's lobbying program and its staff has familiarity with City issues. The firm's fees are well within the range paid by other large cities for comparable services. Prior to January 1, 2006, the City's contract with Patton Boggs was per the calendar year (\$8,000 per month) with a cap of \$12,000 on reimbursable expenses, totaling \$108,000 per year. Staff recommended, and the Council approved on December 6, 2005, converting the contract to the FY with an increase to \$10,000 per month, for a sum of \$60,000 for the first six months until June 30, 2006. Also approved by the Council was an option to extend the agreement for FY 2006-07, in the total amount of the contract for \$122,500, and a second FY option for FY 2007-08, the amount of \$127,500.

ALTERNATIVE

The City may choose to not extend its option to renew its federal lobbying contract with Patton Boggs.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Not applicable.

COORDINATION

This agreement was coordinated with the Budget Office and the City Attorney's Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the legislative representation services contract is spread among several funds that benefit from these services. There is sufficient funding available in the 2006-2007 Adopted Budget appropriations to address the proposed increase in the contract.

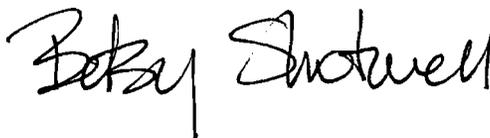
BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #/Name	Appn #	Appn. Name	Total Current Appn.	2005-2006 Adopted Budget (Page)
001 (General Fund)	0112	City Manager's Office Non-Personal/Equipment	769,407*	VIII-24
443 (Low & Moderate Income Housing Fund)	0112	City Manager's Office Non-Personal/Equipment	18,593	X1-45
513 (SJ/Santa Clara Treatment Plant Operating Fund)	0112	City Manager's Office Non-Personal/Equipment	18,593	X1-68
523 (Airport Maintenance & Operation Fund)	0112	City Manager's Office Non-Personal/Equipment	24,649	X1-3
541 (Sewer Service & Use Charge Fund)	0112	City Manager's Office Non-Personal/Equipment	6,480	X1-72

* A portion of the City Manager's Office Non-Personal/Equipment appropriation is allocated to this contract.

CEQA

Not applicable.



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