

M Management Committee

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of July 14, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared:	June 28, 2010
Subject:	Technical Amendments to Legal Services Agreements; No Budget Impacts

Proposed Action:

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Brown Carlson	Legal Services related to Workers Compensation Contract No. 07P219C	5/16/08- 6/30/11	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Deputy General Counsel Dave Theisen and Phil Walljasper presented the proposed amendments to the Committee and gave a brief description for the increase pertaining to contract terms and budget information.

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Business Item

Item: 2010-225

Meeting date: June 23, 2010

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Date: June 15, 2010
Subject: Technical Amendments to Legal Services Agreements; No Budget Impacts
District(s), Member(s):
Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute § 473.129, subd. 3
Staff Prepared/Presented: Donald Mueting 651.602.1463
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Division/Department: Office of General Counsel
Risk Management Division

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Background

The Office of General Counsel procures outside legal services for various public law matters. The Contract Price set in each agreement represents a cap on the amount payable; it is a "ceiling," and not a guarantee or entitlement. Regardless of any Contract Price, the actual amount paid under a legal services agreement is based upon: actual services requested and rendered; and, the budget amount(s) approved by the Metropolitan Council. The Cousineau McGuire and Brown Carlson contracts are administered by the Risk Management Division.

Rationale

When Contract Prices exceed \$250,000, each subsequent amendment must be approved by the Metropolitan Council. The proposed amendments would allow the General Counsel to pay for essential legal services.

Funding

No funding implications or impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

None