

M Management Committee

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of September 8, 2010

Item: 2010-301

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared:	August 25, 2010
Subject:	Technical Amendments to Legal Services Agreements; No Budget Impacts

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the General Counsel to amend legal services agreements to increase the maximum contract prices as follows:

Law Firm	Services	Term	Current Price	Proposed Increase	New Price
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Arthur, Chapman, Kettering, Smetak, Pikala	Legal Services related to Tort & Property Damage Contract No. 08P044A	2/24/09-1/31/12	\$125,000	\$75,000	\$200,000
Bassford Remele	Legal Services related to Tort & Property Damage Contract No. 06P152A	1/1/07-12/31/10	\$1,125,000	\$50,000	\$1,175,000
LaBore, Giuliani, Cosgriff, Viltoft	Legal Services related to Tort & Property Damage Contract No. 08P044C	2/23/09-1/31/12	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Provo-Petersen, O'Neill	Legal Services related to Tort & Property Damage Contract No. 08P044B	2/23/09-1/31/12	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
Heacox Hartman	Legal Services related to Workers Compensation Contract No. 05P044B	6/29/06-6/30/11	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

General Counsel Donald Mueting 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.

Management Committee

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District(s), Member(s):	
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statute § 473.129, subd. 3
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Donald Mueting 651.602.1463 Phil Walljasper 651.602.1787
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 Arthur Chapman, Bassford Remele, LaBore Giuliani, Provo-Petersen and Heacox Hartman 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