

Management Committee

Business Item
Item: 2010-265 SW

Management Meeting date: July 28, 2010

Council Meeting date: July 28, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: July 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

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Division/Department: Office of General Counsel

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
Lockridge Grindal	Legal Services related to CCLRT, Minnesota Public Radio Contract No. 10P042	2/10/10- 6/30/11	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000
Lockridge Grindal	Legal Services related to Housing, Land Use and Planning, Regional Parks and Open Spaces, Environmental Matters and CCLRT Contract No. 01P143	9/9/01- 12/31/10	\$750,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000

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.

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