

M Management Committee
For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 12, 2011

Committee Report

Item: 2010-414

Consent

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date Prepared:	December 9, 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:

<u>Law Firm</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Current Price</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>New Price</u>
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Lockridge Grindal	Legal Services related to Minnesota Public Radio Contract No. 10P042	2/1/10 - 6/30/11	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

General Counsel Don Muetting presented the proposed amendments to the Committee and gave a brief description for the increase pertaining to contract terms and budget information.

M Management Committee

Meeting date: December 8, 2010

Business Item

Item: 2010-414

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date: November 22, 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 Mueeting, General Counsel
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Division/Department: Office of General Counsel

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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. In order for the Council to continue receiving legal services under each of these contracts, the Contract Price must be increased.

Rationale

The proposed amendments would allow the General Counsel to pay for essential legal services.

Funding

No funding implications or impacts.

Known Support / Opposition

None