

**City of Minneapolis**  
**Request for Committee Action**

**To:** Intergovernmental Relations  
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**Subject:**

FaegreBD Consulting contract for federal representation services

**Description:**

Authorizing a contract for \$ 97,600 for the period August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016. The contract amount is \$23,400 or 19.5% below the prior contract.

**Previous Actions:**

The City of Minneapolis after completing an RFP process entered into a contract with FaegreBD Consulting in April 2012 for 12 months. The contract was extended for a second year in June 2013 and for a final year in June of 2014. In May of 2015 the contract was extended for 5 months so an RFP could be issued.

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**Ward/Neighborhood/Address:**

Not Applicable

**Background/Analysis:**

The IGR department issued an RFP for federal representation services in June 2015. Five firms responded to the RFP. The proposals were reviewed by an interdepartmental staff team consisting of representatives from the Mayor's Office, IGR, and the Health and Family Support Department. Three of the firms had limited local government experience while another firm had extensive local government experience but represented several cities similar to Minneapolis.

The proposed scope of services of the contract will not only focus on Congress but also federal agencies. The Firm has, for example, assisted the City in the preparation of the Promise Zone and Body Cam applications. The Firm has also provided updates on Congressional actions. It is anticipated that during the 2015/2016 timeframe the Firm will continue to work with the City on such legislation as the reauthorization of the transportation bill, tax reform legislation including tax extenders and appropriation bills. An addition to the contract is quarterly meetings in Minneapolis with City elected officials and staff. The meeting will be scheduled if possible to coincide with IGR Committee meetings. The cost of the visits is included in the fee.

**Financial Review:**

**Select financial statement. Funds for professional services have been appropriated for 2015 and are proposed for 2016. The proposed contract amount is included in the IGR professional services budget category.**

**Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.**