

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Ethics Officer Report Pursuant to Minneapolis City Ordinance § 15.40(b)(4).

Description:

Receiving and filing the Ethics Officer Report related to conflict of interest review of lobbyist's principals and projects.

Previous Actions:

Each lobbyist contract report
March 21, 2003, Council action adopting the Ethics in Government Code, including conflict of interest provision, §15.40(b)(4).

Ward/Neighborhood/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

Minneapolis Code of Ethics, Section 15.40(b)(4) requires that the Ethics Officer report to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee the projects, if any, that create a professional conflict of interest for the City's proposed lobbyists. The Ethics Ordinance, § 15.40(b)(4) defines professional conflict of interest as "a situation where the interest of a principal of the lobbyist are or may be adverse to the interests of the city."

The Intergovernmental Relations Department (IGR) has informed the Ethics Officer of the intention to enter into a lobbying contract for through July 31, 2016 with FaegreBD Consulting. FaegreBD Consulting supplied a list of principals for whom the lobbyist's firm was expected to provide lobbying services. For each principal, a list of expected lobbying projects was provided and is attached to this report.

Both IGR and the Ethics Officer reviewed the list of principals and lobbying issues for professional conflict of interest. At this time we found no situations where the interests of the City may be adverse to those of the current principals of FaegreBD Consulting. Each lobbyist entering a contract with the City for lobbying services is required by Code of Ethics, § 15.40(b)(4) to update their list of principals and lobbying issues whenever there is a change. IGR will continue to monitor the potential for conflicts through the length of the contract.

Financial Review: No financial impact.

Attachments: 1. FaegreBD Consulting Client List with Projects