



Legislation Text

File #: Res. 2020-180R, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION:

Consider approval of Resolution 2020-180R, authorizing a Change in Service to the agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP relating to the provision of State Governmental Relations Services to extend the contract for two years in the estimated amount of \$60,000; authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents necessary to implement the Change in Service on behalf of the City; and declaring an effective date.

Meeting date: September 1, 2020

Department: Communications and Intergovernmental Relations, Kristy Stark, Director (By Lynda Williams, Purchasing Manager)

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: \$60,000.00

Account Number: 10001280.54205, 22006335.54205, 21006322.54205

Funds Available: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Account Name: Special Economic Development

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: October 1, 2018: Resolution 2018-179R approval of contract with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

☐ Land Use - Choose an item.

☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.

☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.

- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Core Services
- ☒ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

This request is to extend the Agreement 218-175 with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP., for an additional two (2) years from September 30, 2020, through October 1, 2022, for State Government Relations Services to include additional scope related to the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of \$60,000.

The City has contracted our State Government Relations Services with Bickerstaff since 2018 and have developed a strong working relationship with our primary representative Claudia Russell, and in turn have the opportunity to tap into the firm's additional resources. During the upcoming Texas Legislative Session beginning in January, Bickerstaff will provide a strong daily presence on behalf of the City amongst our State delegation and State agencies in Austin.

The scope of this contract includes preparing a strategy on how to best position the City's projects to increase the likelihood of approval of funding during any applicable fiscal year during the term of this agreement, with particular focus on the San Marcos Regional Airport; developing strategic coalitions that will advance the interests, Strategic Initiatives, and Legislative Agenda of the City on the state level; promoting the City's interests on policy matters to elected officials, their staff, and other decision makers; coordinating hearings and meetings to promote the City's interests; and supporting the City in any post-COVID 19 related response/recovery/stimulus efforts at the state level.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

Approve renewal of contract 218-175 with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, located in Austin, Texas in the amount of \$60,000, (\$30,000 annually).