



Legislation Text

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Federal Lobbying and Advocacy Services (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to approve the contract federal lobbying and advocacy services.

The City of Gainesville is requesting to retain the services of Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc., as a federal lobbyist in Washington, D.C. in connection with matters concerning the City on behalf of its General Government and municipal utility. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released on April 5, 2017 with an agreement to be in place by October 1, 2017.

The firm will provide lobbying and advocacy services and monitor important legislative matters that could affect the city in areas such as housing, utilities, water projects, economic redevelopment, transportation, and other areas of critical interest. The firm will also attend Congressional sessions, committee hearings and meetings; attend agency hearings and meetings; provide high-level consultation for and assist with the identification of federal grant opportunities; and provide appropriate written status reports on all issues and activities.

The City agrees to compensate the firm for services not to exceed \$75,600.00 for the City's General Government, and a maximum amount not to exceed \$32,400.00 for Gainesville Regional Utilities, for a combined maximum amount not-to-exceed \$180,000.00 per year. At the end of the contract period, upon satisfactory performance, the parties may agree to extend the contact for three additional one-year periods.

The City Commission: 1) approve the contract with Van Scoyoc Associates, Inc., subject to approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.