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<u>SUBJECT</u>: Approve negotiation and execution of professional services contracts to provide state and federal representation services for the interim preceding the 79th Legislative Session for a total amount over all contracts not to exceed \$811,000. (Contracts will be negotiated and executed with Carl Richie, Reggie Bashur, Randy Erben, Susan Rocha, Barbara McCall, Marta Greytok, Clay Pope, Adams & Zottarelli, and Cliff Johnson.)

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Management Services Department, the Solid Waste Services Department, the Austin Water Utility and Austin Energy.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Management Services - DIRECTOR'S

DEPARTMENT: Government Relations AUTHORIZATION: John Hrncir

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

The purpose of these contracts is to provide lobbying and other professional services in the City's interests for the interim preceding the 79th Legislative Session plus all special called sessions prior to the 79th Session and the City's Federal Legislative Program. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City's preparation efforts for the 79th Legislative Session and for selected related activities requiring additional action such as communicating with the state federal agencies. The contractors will provide assistance to Austin in participating in activities of interim committees. The total amount for all the contracts is not to exceed \$811,000.

Lobbyist	FY 2003-2004 Amount
Carl Richie	\$ 75,000
Reggie Bashur	\$ 90,000
Randy Erben	\$ 90,000
Susan Rocha	\$ 72,000

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Barbara McCall	\$ 50,000
Marta Greytok	\$ 65,000
Clay Pope	\$ 90,000
Adams & Zottarelli	\$ 189,000
Cliff Johnson	\$ 90,000
Total for all Contracts	\$ 811,000

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