

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Board Item: V-E-6

Contract for Consulting Services with GBSM, Inc. Contract # 14684A

Action by Consent

Action

Information

This is a proposed agreement with GBSM, Inc., to provide strategic public policy and issues management counsel to the Board for 2013. The work includes consulting services for the Moffat EIS, WISE project, Smart Growth initiative, Integrated Resource Plan initiatives, west slope mediation and other projects for the Planning Division. The work also includes consulting services for the Public Affairs Division, including community outreach programs, communications plans, and media relations strategies for Moffat, WISE, water rate changes and other projects. Additionally, the agreement includes consulting work for the CEO/Manager and Executive Team for organizational and managerial counsel and advice regarding strategic plan implementation, problem solving and communications.

In 2009, a competitive bid process was conducted for consulting services, and GBSM was selected from 10 firms that were considered. At that time, the Board expressed an interest in hiring GBSM on a year-to-year basis through 2012, the date that several key several key projects were expected to be complete. These included the Moffat EIS, WISE Project development, Strategic Plan development, West Slope mediation and the Integrated Resource Plan. These projects continue into 2013 and the continuity of GBSM's work on the projects is an important consideration for rehiring them under this contract.

Work that GBSM might have otherwise done in the areas of stakeholder relations, human resources, process improvement, and lobbying has been incorporated into the roles of Denver Water staff or bid out to other consultants. The GBSM scope has narrowed to water policy, issues management and strategic and political counsel.

The Planning and Public Affairs divisions, as well as the CEO/Manager and Executive Team, will benefit from GBSM's expertise, and each has identified its needs for the year and included funds in the 2013 budget for this purpose.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board approve contract number 14684A to retain the services of GBSM for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2013, for an amount not to exceed \$230,000.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



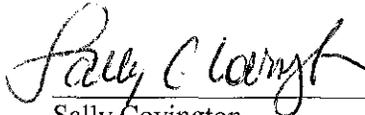
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