

ORDINANCE NO. 98-30

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PUBLIC
BIDDING DISADVANTAGEOUS AND
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING
SERVICES

WHEREAS, The Chicago Transit Authority ("Authority") has a compelling interest in federal legislation and federally sponsored programs that affect public transportation; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently deliberating on the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act ("ISTEA") and reauthorization and funding levels for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, It would be in the best interest of the Authority to retain the services of a federal government liaison to assist the Authority in the development of federal project requests and grant applications, draft bill and report language, develop effective legislative strategies, identify and establish contacts with persons and agencies responsible for policy, regulation and funding on matters related to public transit and advise the Authority of transit-related legislation and administrative actions; and

WHEREAS, In view of declining federal financial assistance it would be advantageous to have a federal government liaison to work with the Authority and the Authority's congressional delegation in the support or defeat of legislation affecting the Authority and public transit in general; and

WHEREAS, The Authority, through its Request for Proposal Process, sought proposal which would satisfy its need for legislative consulting services; and

WHEREAS, Patrick McCann was a senior staff member for the United States Senate's Appropriations Committee whose principal area of involvement was transportation and has continued his work in the transportation industry as a Principal and Senior Director of The Wexler Group; and

WHEREAS, In consideration of Patrick McCann and the Wexler Groups's knowledge of federal transit issues, and in particular ISTEA, staff recommends award of a contract to the Wexler Group; and

WHEREAS, Awarding a contract to The Wexler Group is in the best interest of the Authority; now, therefore:

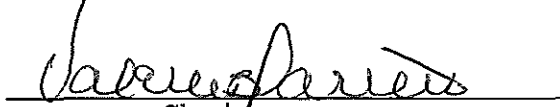
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BE IT ORDAINED BY CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
OF CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY:

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority or her designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with The Wexler Group to perform the services of a federal legislative consultant as directed by the Chairman of the Transit Board for a period of six months from the date of execution of the Agreement, at a cost not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000), with an Authority option to renew for up to two, three-month extensions under the same terms.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:


Chairman

March 11, 1998

PASSED:


Secretary

March 11, 1998