

ORDINANCE NO. 99-126

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

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

WHEREAS, In view of the \$ 4.1 billion capital need which includes an unfunded capital need of \$1.3 billion over the next 5 years, it would be advantageous to have a state government liaison to work with the Authority and state legislature in the support or defeat of legislation affecting the Authority and public transit in general; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Congress passed the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), authorizing federal funding through the year 2003, and specifically authorizing two New Start projects for the Authority subject to annual funding appropriation; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois legislature passed in 1999 the Illinois FIRST program; and

WHEREAS, It would be in the best interest of the Authority to retain the services of a state government liaison to assist the Authority in the development of state project requests and grant applications, 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, The firm of Freeborn & Peters has performed regulatory counsel and government affairs representation; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn & Peters have performed legislative consulting services for the Authority in the past; and

WHEREAS, Freeborn & Peters is highly knowledgeable of the extensive capital needs the Authority is facing; and

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WHEREAS, In consideration of Freeborn & Peters knowledge of state transit issues, the Authority's capital needs and the state funding process, staff recommends award of a contract to Freeborn & Peters; and

WHEREAS, Awarding a contract to Freeborn & Peters is in the best interest of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Section 54.3-5 of the Regulations Governing Purchase and Sales Transactions provides for the award of contracts in those situations where the Transit Board determines that competitive bidding would be disadvantageous; now therefore:

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

SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board or her designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Freeborn & Peters to perform the services of a state legislative consultant as directed by the Chairman of the Transit Board for a period of one year from the date of execution of the Agreement, at a cost not to exceed ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) under Requisition C99OP02304.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED:

PASSED:



Chairman



Assistant Secretary

September 15, 1999

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