

ORDINANCE NO. 99-52

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

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

WHEREAS, In 1998, Congress passed the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 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 the \$ 4.1 billion capital need which includes an unfunded capital need of \$2.2 billion over the next 5 years, it would be advantageous to have a federal government liaison to work with the Authority and the Illinois congressional delegation in the support or defeat of legislation affecting the Authority and public transit in general; and

WHEREAS, The Wexler Group has performed legislative consulting services for the Authority during 1998, and were successful in assisting the Authority in gaining significant legislative changes in TEA-21; 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 Group's knowledge of federal transit issues, and in particular TEA-21, staff recommends award of a contract to The Wexler Group; and

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WHEREAS, Awarding a contract to The Wexler Group 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:

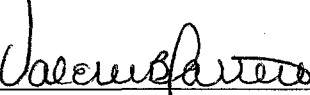
SECTION 1. That based on the statements set forth in the preamble of this ordinance, the Transit Board hereby determines that competitive bidding for this service is disadvantageous.

SECTION 2. That the Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board or her designee is hereby authorized to execute a contract with The Wexler Group, in substantial conformance with Exhibit A attached here to, to perform the services of a federal legislative consultant as directed by the Chairman of the Transit Board, or her designee, for a period of one year from the date of execution of the Agreement, at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000).

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

APPROVED:

PASSED:

  
Chairman

  
Assistant Secretary

April 21, 1999

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