

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 and an unfunded capital need of \$2.2 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, These federal funds require local match of no less than 20%; 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, Luking and Associates has performed legislative consulting services for the Authority in the past, and is highly knowledgeable of the extensive capital needs the Authority is facing; and

WHEREAS, The Authority is in dire need of local match and 100% funding from the state of Illinois; and

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

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WHEREAS, Awarding a contract to Luking and Associates 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 Luking and Associates 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 Seventy-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$72,500.00), with an Authority option to renew for an additional one year extension under the same terms.

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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