



CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

**Tuesday January 14, 2014
CCRTA Board Room
5658 Bear Lane
Corpus Christi, Texas
10:00 a.m.**

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Federal Legislative Consulting Services with Meyers & Associates.
2. Discussion Regarding the FY 2014 Federal Legislative Program
3. Adjournment

The Governmental Relations Subcommittee may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

In the event the Governmental Relations Subcommittee elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

In compliance with the Americans Disability Act, individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact the Stephanie Alvarez at 903-3450 at least 48 hours in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Chair: Angie Flores-Granado

Members: George Clower, Tony Elizondo, Ray Hunt, Curtis Rock, Lamont Taylor

On **January 9, 2014** this Notice was posted by **Stephanie Alvarez** at the Nueces County Courthouse, 901 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas and the RTA Administrative Offices, 5658 Bear Lane, Corpus Christi, Texas.



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Governmental Relations Subcommittee Memo

January 14, 2014

Subject: Federal Legislative Consulting Services

Background:

CCRTA contracts with Meyers & Associates for Federal Legislative Consulting Services to assist with federal legislative initiatives, legislative process, access, and obtaining federal funds.

Following the presentation of this item at the Governmental Relations Subcommittee meeting on November 20, 2013, it was determined a 20% reduction in the scope of services would still provide for assistance with legislative initiatives, legislative process, and congressional access; while allowing for assistance with federal discretionary funds when available.

Identified Need:

This contract is scheduled to expire on February 02, 2014.

Financial Impact:

The total current annual cost for Federal Legislative Consulting Services is \$75,000. The annual cost of each option year is \$60,000.

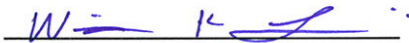
Committee Review

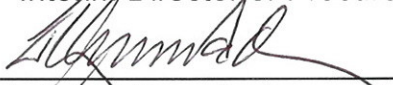
The Board of Directors met on January 08, 2014, and requested the item be brought forth to the Governmental Relations Subcommittee.

Recommendation:

Staff requests the Governmental Relations Subcommittee recommend the Board of Directors to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the two-year option with Meyers & Associates for Federal Legislative Consulting Services.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: 
William "Billy" Laridis
Interim Director of Procurement

Final Review: 
Jorge G. Cruz-Aedo
Managing Director of Administration

Approval: 
Scott Neeley
Chief Executive Officer



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Subject: 2014 Federal Legislative Program

Background

Each year, the RTA utilizes federal funding for important capital projects through the federal budgetary appropriations process.

Identified Need

Since federal legislation is on-going, Board adoption of the 2014 Federal Legislative program provides clear direction for Staff and our federal consultants. Staff has identified the following as initiatives for the Board to consider:

- a. Seek Reauthorizing Legislation for FY2015
- b. Seek the continuation of the Alternative Fuel Tax Credits
- c. Seek the continuation of the Public Transit Commuter Benefit

The Board and our Legislative Consultant may have additional initiatives that the Board may wish to consider and adopt.

For Information Purposes

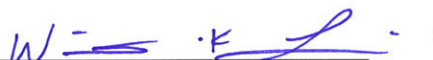
Staff requests that the Government Relations Subcommittee provide direction on any 2014 Legislative Initiatives it would like to recommend.

Financial Impact

The Federal Legislative Consultant is budgeted in the 2014 Annual Budget.

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