

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Ways & Means
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Referral: N/A
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File type: Action
Subcategory: Contracts & Agreements

Subject:

Legal Services Agreement with Rice, Michels and Walther, LLP

Description:

Authorize the proper City officials to enter into an agreement between the City of Minneapolis and Rice, Michels and Walther, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Previous Actions:

Rice, Michels and Walther LLP were a part of the Legal Services Panels that have been approved every three years since the panel's inception in 1998. The last Legal Services Panel was approved by the Council on November 20, 2015.

Ward/Address:

Not Applicable

Background/Analysis:

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Legal Services was published on September 1, 2015 with a response date of October 1, 2015. On November 20, 2015 the City Council approved the City Attorney's recommendation for placing law firms on the City's Legal Services Panel. The Request for Committee Action, also gave the City Attorney's office the flexibility to employ law firms that may not have been included in the RCA and are not currently represented on the panel.

The City would like to enter into an agreement with Rice, Michels and Walther LLP for the following legal subjects: Civil Rights, Labor/Employment Law Issues, Police Related Litigation, and Public Contract Matters Including Litigation.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

- Future budget impact anticipated.
- Approved by the Permanent Review Committee.
- Meets Small and Underutilized Business Program goals.