

LOBBYING SERVICES

JUNE 15, 2009

INTRODUCTION:

Lobbying Services as part of Professional Fees were approved for the 2009 Budget with estimated expenditures of \$50,400. In the April Lease Committee meeting, the commissioners selected two firms, James L. Witt and Patton Boggs to perform lobbying services. At the direction of the Commission, staff entered into negotiations with both firms to determine the scope of work. After preliminary contract negotiations the total cost related to lobbying services should be adjusted from \$50,400 to \$180,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon Commission approval

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends increasing Lobbying Services as part of Professional Fees – Administration budget from \$50,400 to \$180,000.