

AGENDA

**Recommendation for Council Action****AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL****Regular Meeting: October 19, 2017**Item Number: **012****Intergovernmental Relations**

Approve a resolution authorizing negotiation and execution of contracts for federal agency and legislative representation services for a total combined amount not to exceed \$174,000.

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| Lead Department | Government Relations |
| Fiscal Note | A fiscal note is not required. |
| For More Information | Brie Franco, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, 512-974-2285. |

Additional Backup Information:

The purpose of these contracts is to provide consulting and other professional services in the City's interests during the 115th Congress. The contractors will provide advice to the City and will be responsible for assisting the City's efforts before Congress and for selected related activities requiring additional action such as communicating with federal agencies. The contractors will also assist the City with major pieces of legislation including annual appropriations which include local earmark requests, modifications of Austin's requests as the surface transportation legislation moves forward and any additional job creation legislation. The consultants will be in a position to advance the interests of the City in legislation and to influence the legislative process.