



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Dean Rich, Director of Finance
Walter Denton, City Administrator
Date: February 5, 2007
Subject: Renewal of Governmental Consulting Solutions Agreement

List of committees that have reviewed: Finance and Administration

Background: The City of O'Fallon has retained Governmental Consulting Solutions for the past 4 years. Their job is to protect and promote the business, products, reputation and interest of the city in the State of Illinois. They keep the city apprised on a regular basis of legislation and regulatory activities which may be proposed in the State Legislature that impact O'Fallon. They serve as our liaison with state departments and officials and make recommendations as to appropriate actions and timing of proposals and submittals. Other actions include appearing and/or testifying at hearing with respect to matters proposed or pending before the legislative, administrative and /or executive governmental bodies. During this period they have assisted on 3 OSLAD grants valued in excess of \$1,500,000, Federal Road projects in excess of \$1,600,000, are working on a Capitol Bill Draft for Road work in O'Fallon of \$2,240,000 and are integral to the \$3,500,000 Water Tower and Pump Station IEPA Loan. They are our eyes and ears in Springfield and have paid for themselves several times over and become more important to the city with each passing year.

Legal Considerations, if any: None

Budget Impact:: The \$36,000 (\$3,000 a month) annual fee will be included in the annual budget.

Staff recommendation: Recommend approval