

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposals for On-Call Pension Law Legal Services

ISSUE

Whether to authorize the release of a Request for Proposals for On-Call Pension Law Legal Services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 17-12-_____, Authorizing the Release of a Request for Proposals for On-Call Pension Law Legal Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action does not involve the expenditure of funds. The contract award, which will involve the expenditure of funds, will be presented to the Board as a future action.

DISCUSSION

Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) had an on-call work order based contract with a law firm from September 13, 2012 through September 12, 2017, to provide legal services to the District related to its public sector pension plan system. While attorneys in SacRT's Office of the Chief Counsel have significant experience providing advice and counsel on pension related issues, occasionally, SacRT is faced with a particularly complex issue that arises related to its pension system. When such issues arise, SacRT's Office of the Chief Counsel will seek assistance from outside counsel that specializes exclusively in the practice of pension and benefits law. Additionally, the Office of the Chief Counsel will use outside counsel to draft changes to the plans that were negotiated with SacRT's various bargaining units. Due to the expiration of that contract, and because SacRT has an on-going need to call on outside legal counsel to advise on complex pension issues, SacRT seeks to retain the services of one or more firms with expertise in the area of public pension law, preferably with public transit experience. The law firm may be called upon to provide general pension law legal services, advice and counsel or pension-related questions, and assistance on a number of issues affecting SacRT's pension system. Services may include, but are not limited to, drafting and reviewing pension/retirement policy documents, drafting notices, providing advice on tax compliance and plan qualification issues, interpretation of proposed legislation at both the state and federal levels that impact or could impact SacRT's pension system, providing advice and counsel on issues related to the annual pension valuation process, providing advice and counsel on post-retirement medical benefits for retirees, and assisting in effectuating future pension plan changes. This will be a work order contract and the consulting law firm will be issued Work Orders on an as needed basis for a period of 5 years.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 12/6/17

General Manager/CEO

Deputy Chief Counsel

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Staff recommends that the Board authorize the release of an Request for Proposals for On-Call Pension Law Legal Services.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-12-_____

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

December 11, 2017

**AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON-CALL
PENSION LAW LEGAL SERVICES**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the Request for Proposals for On-Call Pension Law Legal Services is hereby
approved and authorized for release.

THAT, the Request for Proposals be advertised pursuant to the provisions of the
SacRT Procurement Ordinance.

ANDREW J. MORIN, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary