

Governmental Relations Consultant

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Project Summary

- This project is included in the 2018-2022 TMRS Strategic Plan
- “Create and Implement a Process for the TMRS Board of Trustees to Review the Role of its Current Consultants” (Goal 3, Objective B)
- Purpose is to follow best governance practices and review the relationship the Board has with its consultants on a regular basis
- The Governmental Relations Consultant provides legislative advice and support to the Board

Process Overview

- The current consultant, Ron Lewis & Associates has been providing that service since 2004
- At the May 2018 meeting, the Board directed staff to begin the process for issuing a “Request of Information” for these services
- The issuance of the RFI was put on hold due to the prospect of having a bill during the 86th Session (2019)
- The Board authorized a limited issuance of the RFI at the October 31, 2019 meeting

Process Overview

- After a review by staff of potential consultants, the RFI was Issued to five firms on November 18, 2019
- All five firms responded by the required due day of December 11, 2019
- All five firms met the required minimum threshold requirements
- The review team scored the responses
- The two finalists were interviewed by the team and all references were contacted and interviewed

Remaining Steps

- Today, the two finalists will each make a brief presentation to the Board
- The Board may consider a making a decision today

Questions?