



**DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
NON-COMPETITIVE REVIEW BOARD (NCRB) APPLICATION**

Complete this cover form and the **Non-Competitive Procurement Application Worksheet** in detail. Refer to the page entitled "Instructions for Non-Competitive Procurement Application" for completing this application in accordance with its policy regarding NCRB. Complete "other" subject area if additional information is needed. Subject areas must be fully completed and responses merely referencing attachments will not be accepted and will be immediately rejected.

Department	Originator Name	Telephone	Date	Signature of Application Author
Mayor's Office	Manuel Perez	4-5501	12/13/21	
Contract Liaison	Email Contract Liaison	Telephone		
Wanda Gonzalez	wanda.gonzalez@cityofchicago.org	4-3872		

List Name of NCRB Attendees/Department	
Manuel Perez	Office of the Mayor
Patrick Hall	Office of the Mayor
Wanda Gonzalez	Office of the Mayor

Request NCRB review be conducted for the product(s) and/or service(s) described herein.

Company: **Blaida and Associates LLC**

Contact Person:	Phone:	Email:
Derek Blaida	312.714.5172	derekblaida@gmail.com

Project Description: **Legislative Consulting Services**

This is a request for:

New Contract Amendment / Modification

Contract Type **Type of Modification**

Blanket Agreement Term: ____ (# of mo) Time Extension Vendor Limit Increase Scope Change

Standard Agreement

Contract Number: **155978**

Specification Number: **1216674**

Modification Number: _____

Department Request Approval	Recommended Approval
DEPARTMENT HEAD OR DESIGNEE	BOARD CHAIRPERSON
12/14/21 DATE	12/15/21 DATE
MANUEL PEREZ PRINT NAME	STEVEN M. LOHODA PRINT NAME

(FOR NCRB USE ONLY)

Recommend Approval/Date: _____

Return to Department/Date: _____

Rejected/Date: _____

Approved Rejected

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

12/15/21
DATE



**DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
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JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT WORKSHEET**

All applicable information on this worksheet must be addressed using each question found on the "Instructions for Non-Competitive Procurement Application" in this application.

Justification for Non-Competitive Procurement Worksheet

PROCUREMENT HISTORY

1. Due to the importance of state funding, legislation, and administrative actions to the operations and finances of the City, the City of Chicago has consistently had a presence in Springfield. Historically, this team has been composed of a number of City employees, as well as one or more professional legislative consultants. The City requires the services of a consultant with extensive knowledge of the state legislative process and the people that work within that process. As such, it is important to maintain outside representation continuously. Such a consultant provides advice and insight regarding state legislative matters and furthers the City's interests in initiatives taking place at the state level.

Blaida and Associates ("Consultant") has served as one of such consultants over the past few years. The Consultant was engaged through the non-competitive procurement process on the basis of Consultant's background, expertise on state and city issues, understanding of the legislative process, and institutional knowledge. Based on Consultant's expertise and performance to date, it was determined it would be beneficial for the City to continue this engagement. He currently has an active contract that includes a provision allowing the City to elect to extend its term for an additional year.

2. The City first contracted with the Consultant for these services in May of 2015 (P.O. 31995). That contract subsequently expired on 5/17/2016. We requested a new contract effective as of May 18, 2016 for 12 months plus a 12-month extension option which was granted (P.O. 46856). The contract then expired on May 17, 2018 and a new contract was requested for the period beginning on May 18, 2018 for 12 months and a 12-month extension option. P.O. 87989 authorized a 19-month extension per the board's recommendation.

3. There have been no efforts to competitively bid this requirement as it is believed the Consultant is uniquely situated to be the provider of the required services to the City.

4. Proposals were not solicited due to the specific nature of the duties to be performed.

5. It is possible that there will be future requests made for the services of the Consultant. This will depend on the City's needs and the performance of the Consultant.

6. The expertise and qualifications that are critical to legislative consulting - including relationships within both City government and state government, as well as a history with and understanding of the needs and priorities of the City and how these needs and priorities intersect with state policy, regulation, legislation, and funding - are often specific to an individual. As such, it is likely that such services will continue to be procured through the public non-competitive procurement process.

ESTIMATED COST

1. We estimate the cost of this contract to be \$9000/month on a year round basis, making the estimated cost per fiscal year \$108,000.

2. \$108,000

3. Current contract rates that the consultant confirmed will stay the same in the memo provided by him. \$9000 per month.

4. The proposed contract rate is the same as the rate under the prior year of the current contract. The cost of the contract is based on the Consultant experience and expertise; the travel, time, and "24/7 on call" requirements of the engagement. The Consultant's almost 15 years of experience in state legislative affairs, as well as his current knowledge of sister agency initiatives and agendas and his singular focus on City-related matters, makes his services especially valuable to the City.



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5. No negotiations have been made as the consultant is keeping the same rate from his previous contract.

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

1. The Consultant will be engaged year-round, and will be especially active during the legislative session, when the Consultant will have to spend weeks in Springfield consulting and strategizing on the City's state legislative agenda. More specifically: Planning and preparation will largely occur during the late summer and fall months; execution of the agenda will occur during the winter and spring months, mostly in Springfield; and late spring and summer will entail review of the prior legislative session. The Consultant will also assist in regulatory matters, which occur throughout the year.

2. N/A

3. Because of the year-round schedule described above and the volatility of schedules and needs related to state legislation and funding, it is critical to have a consistent presence in state legislative affairs. Contracting with a state legislative consultant provides the flexibility and coverage to achieve this.

4. N/A

EXCLUSIVE OR UNIQUE CAPABILITY

1. The Consultant is uniquely qualified to represent the City's interest before state governmental bodies and to assist the City in forming strategies to influence the posture of state legislation, state regulations, and other matters affecting the City. The Consultant not only understands the state legislature, its processes, and its people, but also understands the City and has a deep understanding of the complex issues related to the City's agenda in Springfield. The Consultant also has background and current knowledge of the priorities and agendas of the City's sister agencies, facilitating critical coordination with those agencies. The Consultant has strong relationships in Springfield and a strong network within the government affairs field generally, which enables Consultant to advise on strategy and connect with individuals to execute that strategy.

2. The qualifications discussed in this application relate to a specific individual, Derek Blaida of Blaida & Associates.

3. The Consultant has worked in state legislative affairs for over 15 years, including prior work in Springfield for both the City and the Chicago Public Schools. This combination of experience makes him uniquely qualified to execute his scope of work efficiently and effectively. The Consultant's experience makes him able to work independently as a proxy for the City, and also enables him to effectively communicate and coordinate with the City's Springfield team.

In addition, the Consultant is intimately familiar with the critical issues facing the City in Springfield at the current time - including but not limited to pension reform, property taxes, public safety, funding and budgetary priorities. This enables the Consultant to move quickly and strategically in the City's best interest on these issues.

4. N/A

5. The City team must work under significant time constraints and deadlines while in Springfield and must be on a call at all times throughout the day and year. Having an individual such as Consultant is indispensable to provide a direct line to decision-makers and senior staff to make quick progress on vital issues. The numerous committee actions and amendments that are offered on a daily basis require an individual with experience and the ability to act quickly and strategically and Consultant has the capabilities and network to do so.

6. N/A

7. N/A

8. N/A

OTHER

Personal Services Contractor form attached.



DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES NON-COMPETITIVE REVIEW BOARD (NCRB) APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT APPLICATION

If a City Department has determined that the purchase of supplies, equipment, work and/or services cannot be done on a competitive basis, a justification must be prepared on this "Justification for Non-Competitive Procurement Application" in which procurement is requested on a or non-competitive basis in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/8-10-4 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Using this instruction sheet, all applicable information must be addressed on the worksheet. The information provided must be complete and in sufficient detail to allow for a decision to be made by the Non-Competitive Procurement Review Board. For Amendments, Modifications, describe in detail the change in terms of dollars, time period, scope of services, etc., its relationship to the original contract and the specific reasons for the change. Indicate both the original and the adjusted contract amount and/or expiration date with this change.

Attach a DPS Checklist and any other required documentation; the Board will not consider justification with incomplete information documentation or omissions.

PROCUREMENT HISTORY

1. Describe the requirement and how it evolved from initial planning to its present status.
2. Is this a first time requirement or a continuation of previous procurement from the same source? If so, explain the procurement history.
3. Explain attempts made to competitively bid the requirement (attach copy of sources contacted).
4. Describe in detail all research done to find other sources; list other cities, companies in the industry, professional organizations contacted. List periodicals and other publications used as references.
5. Explain future procurement objectives. Is this a one-time request or will future requests be made for doing business with the same source?
6. Explain whether or not future competitive bidding is possible. If not, explain in detail.

ESTIMATED COST

1. What is the estimated cost for this requirement or for each contract, if multiple awards are contemplated? What is the funding source?
2. What is the estimated cost by fiscal year?
3. Explain the basis for estimating the cost and what assumptions were made and/or data used (i.e., budgeted amount, previous contract price, current catalog or cost proposal from firms solicited, engineering or in-house estimate, etc.)
4. Explain whether the proposed Contractor or the City has a substantial dollar investment in original design, tooling or other factors which would be duplicated at City expense if another source was considered. Describe cost savings or other measurable benefits to the City which may be achieved.
5. Explain what negotiation of price has occurred or will occur. Detail why the estimated cost is deemed reasonable.

SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS

1. Explain how the schedule was developed and at what point the specific dates were known.
2. Is lack of drawings and/or specifications a constraining factor to competitive bidding? If so, why is the proposed Contractor the only person or firm able to perform under these circumstances? Why are the drawings and specifications lacking? What is the lead time required to get drawings and specifications suitable for competition? If lack of drawings and specifications is not a constraining factor to competitive bidding, explain why only one person or firm can meet the required schedule.
3. Outline the required schedule by delivery or completion dates and explain the reasons why the schedule is critical.
4. Describe in detail what impact delays for competitive bidding would have on City operations, programs, costs and budgeted funds.

EXCLUSIVE OR UNIQUE CAPABILITY

1. If contemplating hiring a person or firm as a Professional Service Consultant, explain in detail what professional skills, expertise, qualifications, and/or other factors make this person or firm exclusively or uniquely qualified for the project. Attach a copy of the cost proposal, scope of services, and **Temporary Consulting Services Form**.
2. Does the proposed firm have personnel considered unquestionably predominant in the particular field?
3. What prior experiences of a highly specialized nature does the person or firm exclusively possess that is vital to the job, project or program?
4. What technical facilities or test equipment does the person or firm exclusively possess of a highly specialized nature which is vital to the job?
5. What other capabilities and/or capacity does the proposed firm possess which is necessary for the specific job, project or program which makes them the only source who can perform the work within the required time schedule without unreasonable costs to the City?
6. If procuring products or equipment, describe the intended use and explain any exclusive or unique capabilities, features and/or functions the items have which no other brands or models possess. Is compatibility with existing equipment critical from an operational standpoint? If so, provide detailed explanation?
7. Is competition precluded because of the existence of patent rights, copyrights, trade secrets, technical data, or other proprietary data (attach documentation verifying such)?
8. If procuring replacement parts and/or maintenance services, explain whether or not replacement parts and/or services can be obtained from any other sources? If not, is the proposed firm the only authorized or exclusive dealer/distributor and/or service center? If so, attach letter from manufacturer on company letterhead.

MBEWBE COMPLIANCE PLAN

- * All submissions must contain detailed information about how the proposed firm will comply with the requirements of the City's Minority and Women Owned Business program. All submissions must include a completed C-1 and D-1 form, which is available on the Procurement Services page on the City's intranet site. The City Department must submit a Compliance Plan, including details about direct and indirect compliance.

OTHER

1. Explain other related considerations and attach all applicable supporting documents, i.e., an approved "ITGB Form" or "Request For Individual Hire Form".

REVIEW AND APPROVAL

This application must be signed by both Originator of the request and signed by the Department Head. After review and final disposition from the Board, this application will be signed by the Board Chairman. After review and final disposition from the Board, this form will be presented to the Chief Procurement Officer recommending approval.



CITY OF CHICAGO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: Aileen Velazquez, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Procurement Services
From: Manuel Perez, Deputy Mayor of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of the Mayor
Re: Procurement of Legislative Consulting Services – Derek Blaida
Date: December 8, 2021

This memorandum is to request the approval of a one-year extension for the legislative consulting services of Blaida & Associates LLC. The current contract with this vendor was approved through the non-competitive procurement process and the City was provided the option to extend its term for an additional year therein.

Blaida & Associates LLC performs state legislative consulting services on a year-round basis for the City. This includes travel to Springfield for all legislative session days, monitoring of the legislative rulemaking process, and attendance at committee hearings and conferences as needed. Mr. Blaida tracks state legislation, identifies issues or legislation of concern for the City, assists in advancing the City's agenda at the state level, works with legislators to protect the interests of the City, and works with the City's Springfield intergovernmental affairs team on bill negotiations in both chambers of the General Assembly. Mr. Blaida also helps draft legislation and conducts the research and groundwork necessary to successfully complete each of these functions.

Mr. Blaida's extensive experience in state legislative affairs, and his deep knowledge of and history with the projects and issues that are priorities for the City make him a uniquely qualified candidate for this role. In addition, Mr. Blaida's understanding of the current state agendas and initiatives of the City's sister agencies is critical to coordination across those agencies. His wealth of experience and network of relationships have proven pivotal to the City's work in Springfield, and as such, we would like to again secure his services for the period provided in the contract.

The proposed contract extension is for a one-year term at a flat monthly rate of \$9,000.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.



Attach required forms for each procurement type and detailed scope of services and/or specifications and forward original documents to the Chief Procurement Officer; City Hall, Room 806.

Date: December 13, 2021

Department Name:
Office of the Mayor

Requisition No: 459289
Specification No: 1216674

PO No:
Modification No:

Contract Liaison:
Wanda Gonzalez

Telephone:
312-744-3872

Email:
Wanda.Gonzalez@cityofchicago.org

Project / Program Manager:
Patrick Hall

Telephone:
312-744-2597

Email:
Patrick.Hall@cityofchicago.org

For Blanket Agreements, the lead department must consult with other departments who may want to participate in the Blanket Agreement. If grant funded, attach copy of the approved grant application and other terms and conditions of the funding source.

Note:
1) **Funding:** Attach information if multiple funding lines
2) **Individual Contract Services:** Include approval form signed by all parties
3) **ITGB:** IT project valued at \$100,000.00 or more, attach approval transmittal sheet.

***Contract Liaison Signature:**
Wanda Gonzalez 12/13

***By signing this form, I attest that all information provided is true and accurate.**

Project Title: Legislative Consulting Services

Project Description: Legislative Consulting Services in Springfield IL for the City of Chicago

Funding:

Corporate Bond Enterprise Grant Other:
 IDOT/Transit IDOT/Highway FHWA FTA FAA

LINE	FY	FUND	DEPT	ORGN	APPR	ACTV	PROJECT	RPTG	ESTDOLLAR AMOUNT
	21	100	01	2005	0140				6,000.
	22	100	01	2005	0140				\$102,000

Check One:
 New Contract Request

**By signing below, I attest the estimates provided for this contract are true and accurate.*

***Project / Program Manager Signature:**
Patrick Hall

***Commissioner/Authorized Designee Signature:**
[Signature]

Purchase Order Information:

Contract Term (No. of Months): 12

Extension Options (Rate of Recurrence):

Estimated Spend/Value: \$ 108,000

Grant Commitment / Expiration Date:

Purchase Order Type:
 Blanket/Purchase Order (DUR)
 Master Consultant Agreement (Task Order)
 Standard/One-Time Purchase

Procurement Method:
 Bid RFP RFQ RFI
 Small Order

Special Approvals Required:

Emergency
 Non-Competitive Review Board (NCRB)
 Request for Individual Contract Services
 Information Technology Governance Board (ITGB)
 IDOT Concurrence

Pre-Bid/Submittal Conference: Yes No
 Mandatory Site Visit

Contract Type:

Architect Engineering Commodity Construction JOC SBI
 Professional Services Revenue Generating Vehicle & Heavy Equipment
 Work Service Joint Procurement Reference Contract

Modification or Amendment

Modification Information:

PO Start Date: 12/18/2021
PO End Date: 12/17/2022

Amount (Increase/Reduction):

Safety Enhancing Vehicle Equipment (MCC 2-92-597) Yes ___ No ___

Modification/Amendment Type:

Time Extension Scope Change/Price Increase /Additional Line Item(s)
 Vendor Limit Increase Requisition Encumbrance Adjustment
 Other (specify):

MBE/WBE/DBE Analysis: (Attach MBE/WBE/DBE Goal Setting Memo)

Full Compliance Contract Specific Goals
 No Stated Goals Waiver Request

Vendor Information

Name: Blaida & Associates LLC

Contact: Derek Blaida

Address: 3732 South Honore Street

E-mail: derekblaida@gmail.com

Phone: 312-714-5172

Risk Management / EDS / IDOT

Insurance Requirements (included) Yes No

EDS Certification of Filing (included) Yes No

IDOT Concurrence (required) Yes No

Submit to: Soo Choi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

REQUEST TO USE PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTOR

Requesting department: Office of the Mayor Date: December 14, 2020

Contact person and phone number: Wanda Gonzalez 312-744-3872

A. Please provide the following information (attach additional sheets if needed):

1. Name of the personal services contractor: Derek Blaida
2. Explain why the contractor's services are necessary: The City requires the services of a consultant who possesses unique and extensive knowledge of the State legislative process and the people that work within that process. That consultant will provide advice and key insight regarding all such matters and will further the City's interest in legislative initiatives taking place at the state level. Mr. Blaida has extensive experience in many aspects of the State legislative process and is uniquely qualified to represent the City's interest before state governmental bodies and to assist the City in forming strategies to influence the posture of state legislation, state regulations, and other matters affecting the City. Mr. Blaida not only understands the state legislature, its processes, and its people, but also understands the City and has a deep understanding of the issues related to the City's agenda in Springfield. The Consultant also has background and current knowledge of the priorities and agendas of the City's sister agencies, facilitating critical coordination with those agencies. The Consultant has strong relationships in Springfield and a strong network within the government affairs field generally, which enables Consultant to advise on strategy and connect with individuals to execute that strategy.
3. Describe the nature of the work to be performed: The contractor will will consult with the City and its departments on various matters, including, but not limited, policy matters and legislative strategy; assist and advise the City in drafting, preparing, and presenting state legislation; appear before state legislative committees representing the City's interests; provide information and background on legislation impacting the City of Chicago; provide training for City team members from his particular nuanced perspective as an introduction to the general state legislative process.
4. Explain how the personal services contractor will function as an independent contractor and not function as employee-like (for guidance, please refer to attached criteria): The contractor will not have an office at City Hall nor will he be supplied with equipment or support staff but will instead provide consulting services from his personal office, home, over the phone, and from Springfield. He will provide strategic counsel and guidance based upon his unique qualifications,

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Owen, First Deputy, Department of Human Resources at 312-744-8395

employment history, and legislative perspective and relationships. With his decades of experience in Springfield, Mr. Blaida will maintain a distinct role by providing critical guidance and strategic advice to employees during legislative session to aid them in completing their objectives.

5. Number of hours that the personal services contractor is expected to work per week: It varies from week to week but during a legislative session, hours of operations could mean working long days, meeting with state legislators, or sitting in committee meetings for durations of upwards of 35 to 50 hours weekly. During a non-legislative session week, it could instead be closer to 25 hours per week, though the advising of City employees and extensive planning leading up to legislative session provides Mr. Blaida with opportunities to contribute to City operations regardless of the time of year. Due to the sporadic schedule, we have agreed to a monthly rate of \$9000.

6. Project(s) to which the personal services contractor will be assigned:
Contractor will review, analyze, and comment on state legislative proposals, state regulatory proposals, or other matters which may have a bearing on City policy or programs given by City departments, City officials, and City employees; provide strategies to approach the Illinois General Assembly and its leaders as well as the executive branch and state agencies on issues critical to the City; appear before state legislative committees representing the City's interest; Provide training to our staff on the legislative process. By its very nature, the legislative process is fluid and changing, so the types and specific nature of the proposals and policies that Mr. Blaida is asked to comment and advise on may not be consistent or entirely predictable. However, Mr. Blaida will consistently be autonomous and in control of the process through which he advises and counsels City employees throughout the process.

7. The duration of the assignment(s): 1-year term

8.	<u>Fund #:</u>	<u>Dept. #</u>	<u>Org. #</u>	<u>Approp.:</u>	<u>Object:</u>
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B. Please attach a copy of the contract.



Department Head: 

Date: 12-15-21



APPENDIX A

DHR: Approved Not Approved CA Date: 12/15/2021
OBM: Approved Not Approved SM Date: 12/15/2021

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR VS EMPLOYEE CRITERIA

Per the Policy On The Use of Non-City Employees To Perform Services For The City, the City may approve the use of a Personal Service Contractor only if the individual to be retained is a true independent contractor. The determination of what constitutes a true independent contractor depends on the specific circumstances of each case, and no one factor is determinative. However, all of the following criteria will be examined for each request to assess whether the engagement is truly independent contractor-like, and not employee-like:

- 1) The reasons the contractor is needed;
- 2) The nature of the work to be performed;
- 3) The extent to which City employees may exercise direction and control over the work, and how the work will be performed, as opposed to merely monitoring the end product to ensure that it satisfies the requirements of the contract;
- 4) The extent to which the work is highly specialized or requires particular skills or expertise;
- 5) The extent to which the contractor is uniquely skilled or qualified to perform the work;
- 6) The similarity of the work to existing work normally performed by City employees;
- 7) The existence of a prior employment relationship between the contractor and the City: prior position(s) held, period(s) of employment, duration, nature of work performed, and similarity to the services to be performed.
- 8) The similarity of the services to be performed to the services performed by the Contractor for non-City clients or customers as part of the contractor's business or professional practice;
- 9) The extent to which the contractor will be free to continue to provide these services to clients or customers other than the City during the term of the contract;
- 10) The location(s) of the work to be performed;
- 11) The extent to which the City will be providing work space, equipment, materials and staff support for the performance of the work and conversely, the extent to which the contractor will work from her/his own facilities, and provide her/his own equipment, materials and staff support;
- 12) The anticipated duration of the contract, including relationship to the completion of a specific project and length of a specified contract period, if applicable;
- 13) The basis for determining how many hours the contractor will work, and which hours the contractor will work;
- 14) The basis for determining the contractor's pay (e.g. flat fee due on completion of project, hourly rate based on a record of hours worked, or regular installments).

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Owen, First Deputy, Department of Human Resources at 312-744-8395

Blaida and Associates LLC

**111 East Wacker Drive
Suite 2800
Chicago, Illinois 60601
312.714.5172**

November 8, 2021

Ms. Mondine Harding
121 North LaSalle Street
Room 406
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Ms. Harding:

Please accept this letter to confirm my monthly retainer rate will remain \$9000.00 per month for the duration of this contract.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if I can provide additional information to you.

Sincerely,



Derek Blaida

Blaida and Associates LLC

**111 East Wacker Drive
Suite 2800
Chicago, Illinois 60601
312.714.5172**

November 8, 2021

Ms. Aileen Velazquez
Department of Procurement Services
121 North LaSalle Street
Room 403
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Ms. Velasquez:

Blaida and Associates LLC is a single member limited liability company which does not anticipate retaining independent contractors or subcontractors for this assignment. Based upon the uniqueness of this engagement, I respectfully request there be no stated MBE/WBE goals for this contract.

Sincerely,



Derek Blaida



CITY OF CHICAGO



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: Aileen Velasquez
Chief Procurement Officer
Department of Procurement Services

From: Manuel Perez *M.P.*
Office of the Mayor
Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: December 14, 2021

Re: MBE/WBE Goals – Derek Blaida

This memorandum is to confirm our office's concurrence with the request from Derek Blaida ("Consultant" / Blaida & Associates LLC), in connection with the proposed contract extension for legislative consulting services, that there be no stated MBE/WBE participation goals for the contract, for the reasons stated in consultant's request letter.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Blaida and Associates LLC

**111 East Wacker Drive
Suite 2800
Chicago, Illinois 60601
312.714.5172**

November 8, 2021

Ms. Mondine Harding
121 North LaSalle Street
Room 406
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Ms. Harding:

Throughout my career, I have worked and collaborated on issues of importance to the city of Chicago.

I have participated in the state budget process, diligently working on behalf of those who I have represented to maximize their potential to receive state appropriations. I have advocated for revenue and policy initiatives which have expanded the ability to offer government services and have assisted in amending state law to expand the authority of home rule units of local government. Throughout my career, I have worked on public pension and labor issues on behalf of my employer.

I have assisted this office in obtaining state appropriations for Obama Presidential Library neighborhood infrastructure improvements, creating a special purpose corporation, establishing a revenue securitization structure for the sole purpose of issuing city bonds, and passing a negotiated proposal between the city and its police and fire labor unions to increase employer pension obligations to its public safety retirement funds. These and other initiatives that have been signed into law have assisted in improving city bond ratings and the quality of life for current and future city residents.

I have successfully developed and executed proactive and reactive strategies and tailored them to securing the best possible result on the passage or defeat of pending legislation. I have fashioned partnerships with policy and advocacy groups, units of government, and other organizations to strengthen and enhance my client's ability for success.

My unique experience and demonstrated success benefits the city of Chicago in Springfield. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide additional information to you.

Sincerely,



Derek Blaida



CERTIFICATE OF FILING FOR
CITY OF CHICAGO ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

EDS Number: 167501

Date of This Filing: 11/08/2021 10:10 PM

Certificate Printed on: 11/08/2021

Original Filing Date: 11/08/2021 10:10 PM

Disclosing Party: Blaida and Associates LLC Title: President

Filed by: Derek Blaida

Matter: Legislative Consulting

Applicant: Blaida and Associates LLC

Specification #:

Contract #:

The Economic Disclosure Statement referenced above has been electronically filed with the City. Please provide a copy of this Certificate of Filing to your city contact with other required documents pertaining to the Matter. For additional guidance as to when to provide this Certificate and other required documents, please follow instructions provided to you about the Matter or consult with your City contact.

A copy of the EDS may be viewed and printed by visiting <https://webapps1.chicago.gov/eds> and entering the EDS number into the EDS Search. Prior to contract award, the filing is accessible online only to the disclosing party and the City, but is still subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The filing is visible online to the public after contract award.



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

08/31/2021

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Woodman, Cison & Associates 1400 S. Wolf Rd, Ste 201 Wheeling, IL 60090 Jeff Woodman		CONTACT NAME: Jeff Woodman PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 847-941-9041 E-MAIL ADDRESS: jeff@woodmaninsurance.com FAX (A/C, No): 847-941-9045	
INSURED Blaida & Associates, LLC 3732 S Honore St. Chicago, IL 60609		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A : Erie Insurance Group INSURER B : INSURER C : INSURER D : INSURER E : INSURER F :	NAIC # 26263

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
	COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ MED EXP (Any one person) \$ PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ \$
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS	X	Q12-1430667	12/14/2020	12/14/2021	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
	UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$					EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$ \$
	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N <input type="checkbox"/> N/A				PER STATUTE OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
The City of Chicago is Additional Insured
2017 Nissan Rogue VIN #5N1AT2MV8HC850462

CERTIFICATE HOLDER City of Chicago 121 N. LaSalle Chicago, IL 60602	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Jeff Woodman
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