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## Office of the Internal Auditor

March 13, 2019

Mr. Shawn Selleck  
City Clerk's Office  
City of Providence  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Shawn:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Law Department:**
  - Notification of Outside Legal Counsel to various vendors for an amount of **\$1,400,0000** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (a);
  
- **Police Department:**
  - A change order in the amount of **\$140,248.00** with **Axon Enterprise, Inc** for a total amount of **\$469,356.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (d);

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina M. Costa".

Gina M. Costa  
Internal Auditor

Cc: Jeff Dana, City Solicitor  
Hugh T. Clements, Chief of Police  
Michael Borg, Director of Public Property  
Molly Hannon Associate Director of Purchasing  
James J. Lombardi, III, Treasurer/Senior Advisor to City Council



**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

February 12, 2019

Mayor Jorge O. Elorza  
Chairman, Board of Contract & Supply  
Providence City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Notification of Outside Legal Counsel Status

Dear Mayor Elorza:

The City Solicitor has plenary, unilateral authority to retain outside legal counsel to represent the City or any City department or agency.

Section 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter clearly vests the Solicitor with broad authority to represent the City and all agencies in such a manner, and with such personnel, as the Solicitor deems appropriate. It does not require the Solicitor to obtain City Council approval, or that of any subsidiary entity including the Board of Contract and Supply, in order to retain outside counsel. The authority to manage the City's legal affairs is implicitly recognized in Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances, which excludes "legal" contracts from the list of contracts which require approval. To the same effect, see R.I.G.L. §45-55-14.

By this letter, I write to inform the Board that during FY19, the Law Department may be utilizing the services of the attorneys or law firms listed on the attachment, with a total budget of \$1,400,000. If we engage additional legal counsel, we will so advise the Board.

Very truly yours,

  
Jeffrey Dana  
City Solicitor

cc: City Clerk  
Gina Costa

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### OUTSIDE COUNSEL FY 2019

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Adler Pollock & Sheehan P. C.	One Citizen Plaza, 8 <sup>th</sup> floor, Providence, RI 02903
Best Best & Krieger LLP	300 South Grand Avenue,, 25 <sup>th</sup> Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071
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DeSisto Law LLC	60 Ship Street Providence, RI
Faegre Baker Daniels	300 North Meridian Street, Suite 2700 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-1750
Government Strategies, Inc.	335 Centerville Road, Bldg. 4 Warwick, RI 02886
GreenbergTraurig Attorneys at Law	One International Place, Suite 2000 Boston, MA 02110
Handy Law LLC	42 Weybosset Street Providence, RI 02903
Heitke Cook Antoch, LLC	365 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903
Henneous, Carroll, Lombardo, LLC	1240 Pawtucket Avenue, Suite 308 East Providence, RI 02916
Kelley Morris Law, LLC	2130 Mendon Road, Suite 3-185 Cumberland, RI 02864
Lynch & Pine Attorneys at Law	One Park Row, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Providence, RI 02903
The Law Offices of Matthew Jerzyk, LLC	88 Woodbury Road Cranston, RI 02905
Olenn & Penza, LLP	530 Greenwich Avenue Warwick, RI 02886
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara, LLC	Northwoods Office Park 1301 Atwood Avenue, Suite 215N Johnston, RI 02919
Partridge Snow & Hahn	40 Westminster Street. Suite 1100 Providence, RI 02903

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