



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution to enter into a contract with Strategic Advocacy Group of Springfield, Illinois for state legislative consulting services for Lake County in an estimated annual amount of \$60,000.

- The County has a need to enter into a contract for Illinois legislative consulting services.
- After many years of lobbying services representation from one firm, staff felt it was prudent to solicit proposals through a competitive procurement Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement process.
- The RFP was sent to 23 vendors and proposals were received from seven vendors.
- An interdepartmental committee reviewed the proposals and interviewed the top four firms.
- Based on the criteria set forth in the RFP, the evaluation group selected Strategic Advocacy Group as the most favorable proposal for Lake County.
- The proposed contract will cost the County an estimated annual amount of \$60,000.
- The contract will provide for the consultant to advance legislative initiatives on the County's legislative program, lobby against bills providing a negative impact, and advocate for the County at large.

WHEREAS, there is a need to enter into a contract for State of Illinois legislative consulting services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5-102 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance, proposals were called for by publication for state legislative consulting services; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to said publication, request for proposals were extended to 23 vendors; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were received from seven vendors and opened at the Lake County Administrative Building, Waukegan, Illinois, on October 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, based on the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposals, an Evaluation Committee selected Strategic Advocacy Group to be in the best interest of Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to enter into a contract with Strategic Advocacy Group in an estimated annual amount of \$60,000.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on December 10, 2019.