SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.   SUBJECT: 2007 Agreement with Blank Rome Government Relations LLC

COMMITTEE: Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: June 13, 2007

BOARD ACTION DATE: July 18, 2007

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement with Blank Rome Government Relations LLC in an amount not to exceed $65,000.00 for representing the interests of DRPA in connection with pending and proposed federal legislation and in federal regulatory and administrative matters during the calendar year 2007.

PURPOSE: To represent the interests of the DRPA and PATCO in federal legislative, regulatory and administrative matters.

BACKGROUND: Blank Rome Government Relations LLC shall provide the Delaware River Port Authority with federal government consulting services specifically to assist DRPA on proposed and existing federal transit, new start, and security legislation, economic stimulus programs, and monitor TEA 21 re-authorization, transportation security measures and the FTA grant process.

In order to monitor and have input into this federal agenda, staff recommends that the DRPA negotiate an agreement with Blank Rome Government Relations LLC in an amount not to exceed $65,000.00 for the provision of federal legislative services for a one year term. The DRPA had previously contracted with Peyser and Associates for these services. Peyser and Associates merged with Blank Rome Government Relations LLC in August of 2005. Blank Rome Government Relations LLC assignments will be coordinated through the DRPA’s Department of Government Affairs. Blank Rome Government Relations LLC shall be responsible for routinely monitoring legislation and other federal actions which impact upon the DRPA and its subsidiaries, carrying out strategy related to our priority areas of concern, and routinely communicating our positions to federal legislators.

SUMMARY:

Amount: $65,000
Source of Funds: Revenue Fund
Capital Project #: N/A
Operating Budget: N/A
Master Plan Status: N/A
Other Fund Sources: None
Duration of Contract: 1 year
Other Parties Involved: None
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That Blank Rome Government Relations LLC be and hereby is appointed to represent the legislative interests of DRPA on proposed and existing federal transit, new start, and security legislation, economic stimulus programs and monitor other federal issues for an amount not to exceed $65,000 pursuant to direction and assignment by the Chief Executive Officer or Director of Government Affairs for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2007; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: The Chair, Vice Chair and the Chief Executive Officer must approve and are hereby authorized to approve and execute all necessary agreements, contracts, or other documents on behalf of the DRPA. If such agreements, contracts, or other documents have been approved by the Chair, Vice Chair and Chief Executive Officer and if thereafter either the Chair or Vice Chair is absent or unavailable, the remaining Officer may execute the said document(s) on behalf of DRPA along with the Chief Executive Officer. If both the Chair and Vice Chair are absent or unavailable, and if it is necessary to execute the said document(s) while they are absent or unavailable, then the Chief Executive Officer shall execute such documents on behalf of DRPA.

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