ITEM NO.  SUBJECT:  2009 Agreement with American Continental Group, Inc.

COMMITTEE:  Operations & Maintenance

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:  November 19, 2008

BOARD ACTION DATE:  December 10, 2008

PROPOSAL:  That the Board authorizes staff to negotiate an agreement with American Continental Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 to provide professional consulting services while representing the interests of DRPA in connection with pending and proposed federal and state legislation; federal regulatory matters; and administrative matters during the calendar year 2009.

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

BACKGROUND:  American Continental Group, Inc. shall provide the Delaware River Port Authority with federal government consulting services to assist DRPA on proposed and existing federal transportation, transit and port legislation, economic stimulus program(s), SAFETEA-LU legislation and re-authorization(s), transportation/transit/port security measures, transit new start program support, federal compliance issues, and/or FTA and other federal grant processes.

In order to monitor and have input into this federal agenda, staff recommends that the DRPA negotiate an agreement with American Continental Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00 for the provision of advice regarding federal administrative matters for a one year term. American Continental Group, Inc. assignments shall be coordinated through the Director of Government Relations. American Continental Group, Inc. 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: $75,000
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 American Continental Group, Inc. be and hereby is appointed to represent the legislative interests of DRPA on proposed and existing federal issues including transportation, transit, port, economic stimulus, and security legislation, as well as federal grants, and compliance issues, and shall work to assist on other federal projects, legislation, administration, or programs for an amount not to exceed $75,000 pursuant to direction and assignment by the Chief Executive Officer or Director of Government Relations for a term of one year commencing January 1, 2009; 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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