

January 11, 2005

The Honorable Common Council
City Hall Room 200
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DER TO HIRE CONSULTANTS

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please introduce a file at the next Common Council Meeting to authorize the Department of Employee Relations to hire consultants to assist in preparing requests for proposals for employee benefit contracts for 2006 services.

At the end of 2004 the following City of Milwaukee employee benefit contracts expire:

- Contracts with the two Health Maintenance Organizations;
- Contract with the Basic Plan administrator

DER is proposing that Requests for Proposals for each of these benefit programs be prepared and completed in 2005 for services in 2006. The funds to pay such consultants will be paid from the Department of Employee Relations 2005 Special Purpose Claims Cost Containment Account, which is established in part to buy health or consultant services to minimize future benefit costs to the City.

The Director of the Department of Employee Relations, in consultation with the Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee, is authorized to execute such consultant contracts as prepared by the City Attorney for purposes of recommending vendors to the Common Council for services in 2006. A draft resolution is attached.

Sincerely,

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Employee Benefits

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