

COLLEGE OF DuPAGE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

STANDARD BOARD APPROVAL

1. SUBJECT

Lobbying Services.

2. BUDGET STATUS

Funds in an amount of \$27,000.00 are being provided by Other Contractual Services Account 01-80-00785-5309001.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The College has contracted for services with lobbying firms over the past nine (9) years to assist in the implementation of its Government Relations Plan, i.e. to effect legislation favorable to the College and obtain funding to advance College initiatives and programs.

Services are necessary at this time to pursue the College's 2015 Legislative Plan. The focus will be to obtain capital and other funds available through the State, as well as provide support for the community college baccalaureate initiative, issues related to SURS, veterans funding, MAP grants, and other matters impacting the College. The lobbyist will also help the College advance its legislative agenda within DuPage County and in Washington, D.C.

In September, a Request for Proposal was issued to identify qualified firms to provide lobbying services for College of DuPage. Standard RFP protocol was followed. A legal notice was published and notice was placed on the College's website, rendering two (2) inquiries. To ensure due diligence in identification of potential bidders, thirty-three (33) firms with lobbyists registered in Illinois with interest in education were also identified and directly solicited. A total of thirty-five companies received an Invitation to Bid; five (5) of these firms requested RFP documents. One (1) firm was in-district. One (1) firm responded, Roger C. Marquardt & Company, Inc.

The College has a favorable relationship with Roger C. Marquardt & Company, Inc. The firm has provided satisfactory services on behalf of the College for the past four (4) years.

This purchase complies with State Statute, Board Policy and Administrative Procedures. In accordance with 110 ILCS 805/3-27.1 Public Community College Act, contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part are exempt from competitive bidding.

4. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to execute a contract between College of DuPage and Roger C. Marquardt & Company, Inc., 311 S. County Farm Rd, Suite I, Wheaton, IL 60187 to provide lobbying services on behalf of College of DuPage for the 6-month period of January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 for a fee of \$4,500.00 per month, not to exceed \$27,000.00.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOR LOBBYING SERVICES

ITEM(S) ON REQUEST

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Director, Legislative Relations Date

Director, Business Affairs Date

Senior Vice President, Administrative Affairs & Treasurer Date

President Date