

Request for Proposals for State Lobbying Services

Introduction: The City of Boulder is soliciting proposals for state lobbying services from firms with extensive experience advocating before the Colorado State Legislature and with an anticipated fulltime presence at the Colorado State Capital during the 2014 legislative session. The **deadline to submit bids is COB, Friday, September 27, 2013**. Bids along with letters of interests, references, and lists of the applicant's other clients should be **submitted to the city's Policy Advisor, Carl Castillo, at castilloc@bouldercolorado.gov**.

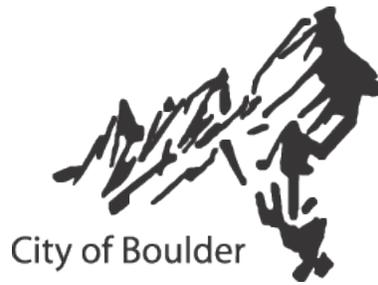
Scope of Work: The following services are sought:

- 1) Ability to serve as the city's professional advisor and representative in connection with all state legislative matters.
- 2) Monitoring and reporting on actual or anticipated legislation of unique interest to the city. Oral rather than written reports will generally suffice in order to allow the consultant to focus on in-person services to the greatest extent possible.
- 3) Communicating the city's perspective, interests and positions on legislation to state legislators, the Governor's office and other leaders at the capitol as necessary. This may require assistance with arranging meetings between city representatives and legislative leaders or with preparing city representatives to testify before committee hearings.
- 4) Regular communication with the city's Policy Advisor and attendance at one or more city council meetings in Boulder.

Boulder's Legislative Interests: The scope of legislation will be determined with consideration given to the city's annually-adopted legislative agenda, unanticipated issues introduced at the capitol of unique concern to the city, and the political and practical necessities for the city to focus its resources on matters where it can influence outcomes.

At this point, issues of interest in 2014 are expected to include (in general order of importance):

- 1) Legislation impacting the ability of local governments to develop and implement effective energy strategies that reduce environmental impacts, provide stable rates and promote economic vitality and/or the ability of cities to form a municipal utility.
- 2) Legislation threatening the city's water rights or promoting the efficient utilization and conservation of water.



- 3) Legislation reestablishing the right of municipalities to provide telecommunication services such as large and complex city-wide fiber and premise networks.
- 4) Legislation impacting transportation funding or prioritizing its expenditure on projects that maintain existing infrastructure, are multimodal in design or that otherwise promote smart growth.
- 5) Legislation impacting health and safety concerns associated with alcohol or marijuana abuse, especially those concerns prevalent in college communities.
- 6) Legislation that could unnecessarily result in increased contributions or force a reduction in benefits for members of the Local Employees Division of the Public Employees Retirement Association (“PERA”).
- 7) Legislation impacting the municipal authority to operate red light or photo radar cameras to enforce traffic safety.
- 8) Legislation preserving or expanding the authority of local governments to collect taxes
- 9) Legislation limiting home rule authority or otherwise diminishing the local control powers of Colorado municipalities.

For More Information: Interested parties are encouraged to visit www.bouldercolorado.gov/policy-advisor/state-federal-legislative-matters and to contact to Carl Castillo at (303) 441-3009 with questions.