

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: *Amend contract with Black Helterline LLP for outside counsel.
(Ordinance; amend Contract No. C38006.)

Contact name: Ian Leitheiser
Contact phone: 3-4047
Presenter name: N/A

Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Due to the nature of the work being performed and the number of incidents requiring immigration related forms and procedures, it is necessary to extend the agreement and add additional funds.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The current agreement amount is \$54,000. This will be increased by \$15,000. The funds are available in the OMF budget.

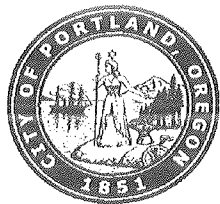
Community impacts and community involvement:

This is a legal expertise matter not subject to public involvement.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- ☐ YES: Please complete the information below.
☒ NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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DATE: January 26, 2015

TO: Mayor Charlie Hales

FROM: Stephanie Harris

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Reviewed by Bureau Liaison _____

RE: *Amend contract with Black Helterline LLP for outside legal counsel.
(Ordinance; amend Contract No. C38066.)

1. **INTENDED THURSDAY FILING DATE:** January 29, 2015
2. **REQUESTED COUNCIL AGENDA DATE:** February 11th, 2015
3. **CONTACT NAME & NUMBER:** Stephanie Harris 3-4291
4. **PLACE ON:** X **CONSENT** _____ **REGULAR**
5. **BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT ATTACHED:** X **Y** _____ **N** _____ **N/A**
6. **(3) ORIGINAL COPIES OF CONTRACTS APPROVED AS TO FORM BY CITY ATTORNEY**
ATTACHED: X **Yes** _____ **No** _____ **N/A**

7. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

This contract allows the City to obtain legal services regarding immigration matters, often involving H-1B and TN visa issues for City employees for individuals with special qualifications the City desires to employ. While the need for such services is fairly regular, the amount of immigration-related work has not warranted hiring an immigration law specialist within our office. Immigration law is a highly specialized and technical field, and this contract allows the City to obtain legal services as necessary in a cost-effective manner.

8. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The contract will be increased by \$15,000. Funds are available in the OMF budget.

9. RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended by the Office of the City Attorney & OMF that this ordinance be passed to authorize the amendment to Legal Services Agreement No. C38066.