



MEMORANDUM

Resolution 24-116, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer Alaska Approving the Renewal of a Lobbyist Contract with J & H Consulting, LLC of Juneau, Alaska for a Term of One Year, Commencing on December 15, 2024 and Ending on December 15, 2025 in the Amount of \$42,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager.

Item Type: Backup Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor and City Council
Date: October 28, 2024
From: Melissa Jacobsen, City Manager

The City engaged J & H Consulting at the end of 2020 to be the City's lobbying firm in Juneau. Over the years, this relationship has been very successful. J & H have been very effective at making connections for the City, and they assist the City in setting up appointments with Legislators, State, and Federal agencies to promote and advocate for City interests. They provide Council regular legislative updates when the State Legislature is in session in Juneau. We have also achieved some victories in State budget cycles with the State appropriations of \$750,000 and most recently \$288,523 towards the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation, funding of the Municipal Harbors Grant Program and an increase in the State's community jails budget.

Last year they additionally arranged for a lobbying trip to Washington, D.C., which helped secure Federal continuation funding for the General Investigation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY24 Discretionary Work Plan funds and highlighted other City capital priority projects seeking Congressionally Directed Spending.

Draft contract is attached as backup as well.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the resolution to renew a one-year contract with J & H Consulting for 2025.