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**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

City Manager

RESOLUTION 23-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA APPROVING A LOBBYIST CONTRACT WITH J & H CONSULTING, LLC OF JUNEAU, ALASKA, FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR COMMENCING ON DECEMBER 15, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 15, 2024 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, In 2020 the City issued a request for proposals for lobbying services and as a result approved a one year contract with J&H Consulting with Resolution 20-120; and

WHEREAS, Throughout this contract year, J&H Consulting has advocated for capital projects and legislation on behalf of the City of Homer as well as the Large Vessel Harbor project; and

WHEREAS, Funds were allocated in the FY23/24 budget for lobbying services and it is in the City's best interest to retain J&H Consulting to continue their work in advocating for the City of Homer at the State Capitol.

WHEREAS, This award is not final until notice is received by J & H Consulting, LLC of Juneau, Alaska, from the City of Homer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, hereby approves the contract for Lobbyist for the City of Homer to the firm of J & H Consulting, LLC of Juneau, Alaska, for a term of one year commencing on December 15, 2023 and ending on December 15, 2024 in the amount of \$42,000 and authorizes the City Manager to negotiate and execute the appropriate documents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 23rd day of October 2023.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

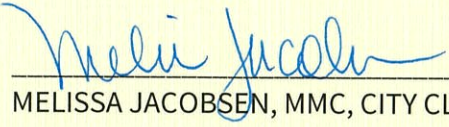
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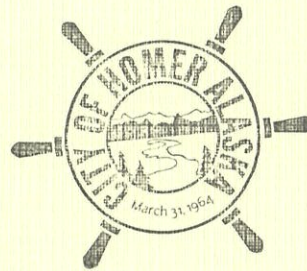


48 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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50 Fiscal Note: \$21,000 – Mayor/Council Lobbying Account 100-0100-5248; \$21,000 - Port

51 Administration Lobbying Account 400-0600-5248





MEMORANDUM

Resolution 23-116, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Approving a Lobbyist Contract with J&H Consulting, LLC of Juneau, Alaska for a Term of One Year Commencing December 15, 2023 and Ending December 15, 2024 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 Castner and Homer City Council
Date: October 17, 2023
From: Rob Dumouchel, City Manager

The City engaged J&H Consulting at the end of 2020 to be the City's lobbying firm in Juneau. This relationship has been very successful. J&H have been very good at making connections for the City, and they assist the City in setting up appointments with Legislators and State and Federal agencies to promote and advocate for City interests. They give much time to the Council for legislative updates when the State Legislature is in session in Juneau. We also achieved some victories in the previous State budget cycle with the State appropriation of \$750,000 towards the Homer Harbor Expansion General Investigation, funding of the Municipal Harbors Grant Program and an increase in the State's community jails budget.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the resolution for the 2024 contract with J&H Consulting