

# **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF IOWA AGENDA**

**State Capitol - Robert D. Ray Conference Room (G09) 10:00 a.m.**

**JANUARY 6, 2014**

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**3. Outside Counsel**

- A. The Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office requests retention of special counsel to provide advice and assistance in a multi-state investigation into the practices of certain for-profit colleges and universities.

Firm: Legal Policy Solutions, LLC

Attorney: Mr. Jeff Blattner  
5330 Wapakoneta Road  
Bethesda, MD 20816

Rate: \$5,000.00 per month

TAB # 1

**4. Emergency Allocations**

- A. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$11,672.90. On May 2, 2013 lightning caused damage to the generator and security system at the Iowa Building. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation, subject to audit of actual invoices.

- B. Department of Administrative Services is requesting an emergency allocation in the amount of \$3,515.95. On May 19, 2013 lightning caused damage to gates, video cameras and communication devices at the Iowa Building. Request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed this request and recommends allocation, subject to audit of actual invoices.

**5. Payment of Cost Items**

- A. Dept. of Administrative Services-General Services Enterprise...\$77,294.14  
On February 19, 2013 there was a water leak and a pipe break at the Hoover Building. This request is to cover repair costs.

The State Auditor's Office has reviewed these invoices and recommends payment. This represents full and final payment, and this allocation will be closed.

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January 2, 2014

GeorgAnna Madsen  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
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Re: Retention of Special Counsel

Dear GeorgAnna:

The Attorney General requests Executive Council approval to retain special counsel to provide advice and assistance in a multi-state investigation into the practices of certain for-profit colleges and universities. The Attorney General is leading a group of state attorneys general investigating marketing and other representations made by certain for-profit colleges and universities. The investigation will coordinate with federal agencies including the Department of Justice, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the Department of Education. Our office does not have sufficient legal staff with expertise with higher education issues at the federal level.

The Attorney General has spoken with Mr. Jeff Blattner of Legal Policy Solutions LLC, 5330 Wapakoneta Road, Bethesda, MD 20816. Mr. Blattner is a lawyer with significant experience with a variety of legal issues at the federal level. He has agreed to provide advice and assist the Attorney General in leading the investigation at the flat rate of \$5,000.00 per month. The flat rate provides predictability in expense while allowing for flexibility to increase time commitment as the investigation becomes more intensive. All fees and expenses would be paid by the Center for State Enforcement of Antitrust and Consumer Protection Laws ("State Center"). The State Center is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt not-for-profit corporation. Its mission is to enhance consumer welfare by supporting the fair, effective and vigorous enforcement of antitrust and consumer protection laws at the state level.

Accordingly, our office requests the Executive Council authorize retention of Mr. Jeff Blattner as special counsel to assist the Attorney General in a multi-state investigation into certain for-profit colleges and universities at the flat rate of \$5,000 per month,

Sincerely yours,

Eric Tabor  
Chief Deputy Attorney General