



## Commission Meeting

Meeting Date: February 4, 2025

AO Holland and Knight Contract

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<b>Department:</b>	Administrator's Office
<b>Presenter:</b>	Tameka Allen, Administrator
<b>Caption:</b>	Motion to approve contract with Holland & Knight LLP for State Lobbying and Legislative Representation Services.
<b>Background:</b>	On January 7, 2025, the Augusta Commission approved award of RFP #25-300 for State Lobbying Services to Holland & Knight LLP, pending contract negotiations.
<b>Analysis:</b>	After negotiations, Holland & Knight agreed to a one-year contract term with two optional one-year extensions. Stipulations were also added to the contract regarding Holland & Knight's engagement with the Mayor and Commission and other Augusta leadership.
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	Holland & Knight LLP's fee is \$96,000.00 per year. This is a slight cost savings over the 2022-2024 contract amount of \$102,000.00 per year. Funds are budgeted in the Administrator's Office budget.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Cancel RFP #25-300 and proceed without a State lobbyist for the 2025 session.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approve contract with Holland & Knight LLP for State Lobbying and Legislative Representation Services.
<b>Funds are available in the following accounts:</b>	101013210-5211120
<b><u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u></b>	N/A