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Kristi Onstot  
Executive Secretary  
Executive Council  
State Capitol  
L O C A L

Re: Renewal Retention of Special Counsel  
Iowa PBS / Gray Miller Persch

Dear Kristi:

Iowa PBS has retained Gray Miller Persch, 2233 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 226, Washington, DC 20007 (“GMP”), to provide counsel on highly specialized FCC matters since 2014. Iowa PBS would like to renew the current engagement.

This Agreement shall extend from April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029. GMP will provide the services at an hourly rate of \$475.00 per hour until March 31, 2029. If this Agreement is renewed at the option of the Department and Iowa PBS pursuant to the terms, the renewal shall be at the rate of \$495.00 per hour with the option to renew Agreement for an additional three (3) year term.

Accordingly, our office recommends the renewal engagement with GMP be approved as special counsel with all attorney fees and costs to be paid from Iowa PBS funds and not general fund dollars.

Sincerely,

Steven Blankinship  
Chief Deputy Attorney General