



# CDA Agenda Item

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Agenda Item: Request for Proposals (RFP) for Legal Services

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## BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

The Office of Economic Development received four responses to our Legal RFP. The four responses we received are from Lindner & Marsack, Stafford-Rosnbaum, VonBriesen, and West & Dunn.

Lindner & Marsack are located in Milwaukee. The firm has a wide range of the Municipal Law experience, but had little to no experience in Real Estate Law.

Stafford Rosenbaum is located in Madison. The firm has an array of experience in municipal law of all sizes, experience in land use acquisitions, development related legal matters, TIF, zoning, annexations, and other like services. The suggested legal team has a wide range of experience from the Wisconsin Capital to the Wisconsin Town’s Association. I will also note that the City worked with Attorney Manthe while drafting a possible Special Assessment regarding Twin Oaks mobile park assessment. The City Manager and I do not for see this being a conflict of interest.

VonBriesen is located in Milwaukee. This firm has an array of experience in municipal law and serves municipalities of various sizes. They also have extensive experience in real estate law. I will also note that the City does work this firm currently when it comes to the Employment law services, the WAFC negotiations and various as-needed projects. The City Manager and I do not for see this being a conflict of interest.

West & Dunn is located in Baraboo. This firms has an array of experience in municipal law and experience with development related legal issues. The firm notes in their proposal with being in a resort town they have become well versed in development related legal matters.

## PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the CDA select Stafford Rosenbaum for the CDA’s Legal services. I feel that this law firm is the most well equipped firm for the CDA’s needs. I will note that I have worked with Attorney Manthe before when he worked at the Wisconsin Town’s Association in 2018. I have witnessed Attorney Manthe’s work and I have never been disappointed.

## ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

West & Dunn Proposal

Stafford Rosenbaum Proposal

Von Briesen Proposal

Lindner & Marsack Proposal