




# EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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**DATE:** NOVEMBER 3, 2005

**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM:** RICHARD D. THORPE   
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACTION:** APPROVE THE ADDITION OF ROBERT PEARMAN TO THE  
GENERAL COUNSEL TEAM

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approve the addition of Robert Pearman of the firm of Robinson & Pearman, LLP to the Contract for General Counsel Services with the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP.

## SUMMARY

At the October Board Meeting, the Board of Directors authorized the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate a contract with the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP, for General Counsel Services for the Construction Authority. The Board further directed that the CEO work with that firm to identify a DBE firm to add to the General Counsel Services contract and bring the proposed addition back to the Board for approval. An agreement has been reached with the Nossaman firm to add Robert Pearman of the firm of Robinson & Pearman, LLP, to the General Counsel team, subject to approval by the Board.

## DISCUSSION

In recognition of the need for General Counsel Services, a Request For Proposal was issued on September 2, 2005, to obtain proposals for such services. Six (6) proposals were received on the proposal due date of September 28, 2005. An evaluation team assembled in accordance with Board direction, evaluated the proposals, and three finalists were determined. The Board interviewed the three (3) finalists on October 12, 2005, and the firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP, was selected.

The Board authorized the CEO to negotiate a contract with the selected firm and also directed that he work with that firm to identify a DBE firm that could be added to the General Counsel team. The Nossaman firm has agreed to the addition of Robert Pearman, of the firm of Robinson & Pearman LLP, a DBE firm, subject to approval by the Board. Mr. Pearman was the lead attorney for the proposal submitted by Robinson &

Pearman, LLP, in response to the Request For Proposal for General Counsel services. As such, he appeared before the Board at the October 12, 2005 interviews of the three (3) finalists. The fact that his firm, with him as lead attorney, was identified as one of the three (3) finalists for the General Counsel services contract, is evidence that he is well qualified and would be a valuable addition to the General Counsel team.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The addition of Robert Pearman to the General Counsel team will be done within the planned scope of services and as such, will be accommodated within the budget identified for such services.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

None