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DATE: JULY 5, 2007

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**FROM: RICHARD D. THORPE
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**ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON EXPOSITION
CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY FEDERAL LOBBYIST
OPTIONS**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file a list of potential candidates to be considered for the federal Expo Lobbyist position. Staff will develop an interview schedule with Expo Board members when confirmation is received from Metro that funding is available for FY08.

SUMMARY

At the June Board meeting, the Board members indicated their desire to move forward with the selection of a lobbyist that would report to Expo.

Since the last meeting, Expo staff has contacted potential candidates suggested by representatives from the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles and Culver City, to determine whether they would be interested in representing the Exposition Project in Washington, DC. Thus far, five candidates have voiced interest in this position. Expo staff is in the process of collecting resumes and letters of introduction from these lobbyists. Once resumes have been received, they will be distributed to all Expo Board members and an interview schedule will be coordinated with the Board.

DISCUSSION

Since the last Board meeting, Expo staff have compiled a list and contacted several potential candidates to determine whether they would be interested in

representing the Exposition Construction Authority in Washington DC. The following candidates have expressed an interest in representing Expo:

1. Don DeArmon – Cavarocchi, Ruscio, Dennis & Associates
2. Jack Hargett – Hargett Consulting
3. Anja Graves – CHG & Associates
4. Mark Kadesh – Bartlett, Bendall & Kadesh
5. Susan Lent – Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld

We are in the process of receiving resumes and letters of introduction from interested candidates. Once received, the resumes will be distributed to the Expo Board, and staff will develop an interview schedule in the next several weeks. Meanwhile, staff will continue to work with Metro to ensure that there is funding dedicated for this position for FY08.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If funding for this dedicated Expo Lobbyist position is provided by Metro, there would be no impact to the Authority project budget.

NEXT STEPS

Expo staff will distribute resumes of interested candidates as they are received and will develop an interview schedule with Expo Board Members. Staff will continue to work with Metro staff to ensure that funding for this position is provided in the FY08 Metro budget.

ATTACHMENT (S)

None