

Council Meeting Staff Report

February 23, 2021

Agenda No.:	E.
Indexes (Council Goals):	* 2020 Council Goal - N/A
Presenters:	Harry Burgess
Legislative File:	13898-21

Title

Approval of Services Agreement No. AGR21-944 with Kutak Rock, LLP, in the Amount of \$350,000, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for a seven year term for the Purpose of Legal Advice and Counsel to the County on any Federal Issues or any Other Legal Issues.

Recommended Action

I move that Council approve Agreement No. AGR 21-944 with Kutak Rock, LLP, in the Amount of \$350,000, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for a seven year term for the Purpose of Providing Legal Advice and Counsel to the County on any Federal Issues or any and Other Legal Issues.

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council approve this Agreement as requested.

Body

Los Alamos County has utilized the services of Kutak Rock, LLP for legal services over the past two decades. The firm has a great deal of experience with energy related communities and provides institutional knowledge on the land transfers from DOE as well as several other federal issues that have confronted the County. The firm has also served the County by making contacts with appropriate officials on County issues and arranging for representatives of the County to have meetings with the officials involved in issues important to the County and the region when representatives visit Washington, D.C.

This agreement provides for representation over seven years with payment up to \$350,000 in total, billed at an hourly rate. The selection of legal services is exempt from competitive procurement under the County Procurement Code.

Alternatives

Council could choose not to approve the agreement or approve it with modifications.

Fiscal and Staff Impact/Planned Item

This item is included in the County Manager's budget at a current rate of \$50,000 per year. Staff activities associated with this contract are generally expected and planned, although unforeseen issues may arise that have great impact than originally anticipated.

Attachments

A - AGR21-944 Kutak Rock