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Mr. Brendan Bakala
Illinois Policy Institute, Suite 1500
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Re: April 6, 2016 FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Bakala:

I am pleased to help you with your April 6, 2016 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). Your request was received by the Village of Bensenville on April 7, 2016. You requested copies of the items indicated below:

"I am seeking documents related to the Village of Bensenville's contract that covers calendar year 2015 with Rory Group, LLC and documents showing payments from the Village to Rory Group, LLC."

After a search of Village files, the following documents are enclosed to fulfill your request:

- 1) Village of Bensenville Payments to Rory Group, LLC in 2015. (1 pg.)
- 2) Resolution No. R-53-2011 entitled "A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Rory Group, LLC for Its Consulting Services in Connection with Intergovernmental Relations". (6 pgs.)
- 3) Resolution No. R-24-2016 entitled "A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Rory Group, LLC for Its Consulting Services in Connection with Intergovernmental Relations". (6 pgs.)

These are all of the documents that can be discovered responsive to your request.

Please be advised the agreement between the Village of Bensenville and Rory Group, LLC dated May 17, 2011 expired May 31, 2013. However, the Village of Bensenville continued to use the services of the Rory Group, LLC on a month by month basis until a new agreement was passed by the Village Board in January 2016.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns in connection with this response.

Very truly yours,


Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville

Village of Bensenville
 Rory Group LLC - FY 2015 Payments

Vendor	Invoice	Inv Date	PO	Warrant	Check #	Amount
Rory Group LLC	1842	01/01/2015	20150197	15/03	145342	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	1868	02/01/2015	20150197	15/05	145661	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	1900	03/01/2015	20150197	15/07	146038	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	1930	04/01/2015	20150197	15/09	146323	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	1958	05/01/2015	20150197	15/11	146688	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	1987	06/01/2015	20150197	15/13	147103	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	2014	07/01/2015	20150197	15/14	147403	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	2042	08/01/2015	20150197	15/16	147823	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	2067	09/01/2015	20150197	15/18	148182	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	2098	10/01/2015	20150197	15/20	148569	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	2128	11/02/2015	20150197	15/22	148921	10,000.00
Rory Group LLC	2158	12/16/2015	20150197	16/01	149167	10,000.00
Grand Total						120,000.00

RESOLUTION NO. R-53-2011

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE RORY GROUP, LLC FOR ITS CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION
WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE (hereinafter the "VILLAGE") is a municipal corporation established and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE, pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/2-2-12, is empowered to make all agreements and contracts and to undertake other acts as necessary in the exercise of its statutory powers; and

WHEREAS, it is sometimes necessary, in furtherance of its statutory functions, for the VILLAGE to contract for various services required by the VILLAGE; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE desires to enter into an agreement with the Rory Group, LLC (hereinafter the "RORY GROUP") for consulting services in connection with the proposed expansion of the O'Hare Airport and for advisory services in connection with fostering cooperative intergovernmental relations with other municipalities and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the VILLAGE will benefit from the consulting and advisory services rendered by the RORY GROUP in that said services will enable the VILLAGE to implement a long-range development plan and to establish long-term cooperative relationships with municipalities and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, for the aforesaid reasons, the VILLAGE has determined that it is reasonable, necessary, and desirable to enter into a consulting agreement with the RORY GROUP for consulting services in connection with advisory services in connection with intergovernmental relations (hereinafter the "AGREEMENT"), which AGREEMENT is attached

hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

SECTION TWO: The Village President is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Village of Bensenville, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to attest thereto, the AGREEMENT attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A."

SECTION THREE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

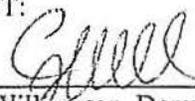
PASSED AND APPROVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bensenville, Illinois, this 17th day of May, 2011.

APPROVED:



Frank Soto, Village President

ATTEST:



Corey Willjansen, Deputy Village Clerk

Ayes: Bartlett, Jarecki, O'Connell, Peconio, Ridder, Wesseler

Nays: None

Absent: None

CONSULTING AGREEMENT

THIS CONSULTING AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between The Rory Group, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company (the "Consultant") and The Village of Bensenville, Illinois (the "Village") as of the 17th day of May 2011.

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to continue to utilize the benefits of Consultant's experience and know-how in connection with the Village's desire to prosper from the enhancement and expansion of relations with other municipalities and the State of Illinois. Village agrees to engage Consultant to render consulting and advisory services to the Village on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Consultant wishes to accept such engagement upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises made by each party in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Village and Consultant agree as follows:

1. **Consulting Services.**

a. The Village hereby engages Consultant as a consultant to the Village, and Consultant hereby agrees to accept such engagement, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall: (1) advise and assist the Village on matters of governmental and other public sector relations and contracts; (2) economic re-development and (3) perform such other additional services as may be assigned to Consultant from time to time by the Village, including but not limited to; general consulting activities, market place and general economic expansion and disadvantaged and minority business enterprise advisement.

b. In performance of its duties under this Agreement, Consultant shall report and be responsible only to the Village Manager, the President of the Village and/or the Village Attorney or other designated representative, who shall be responsible for monitoring Consultant's work under this Agreement.

c. In the performance of its duties under this Agreement, Consultant agrees that it will not:

(1) negotiate or enter into any oral or written contract, agreement, or arrangement on behalf of, or in the name of, the Village, or otherwise bind the Village, without the prior written consent of the Village Manager, Village President and/or the Village Attorney or other designated representative;

(2) engage in any conduct, or cause the Village to engage in any conduct, which would result in the Village's breach or violation of any agreement, law, ordinance, or regulation;

(3) perform work on behalf of entities other than the Village, to the extent such work interferes with the contractual obligations hereunder.

2. **Term.** The term of Consultant's retention and engagement under this Agreement shall begin on June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2013, unless terminated sooner as provided for herein.
3. **Compensation.** In consideration of all services to be performed by Consultant under this Agreement, the Village agrees to pay Consultant a total fee of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) over a period of one year. This total fee is to be paid on a monthly basis in twelve equal payments of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) due by the 5th day of each month.
4. **Payment of Taxes.** Consultant shall be responsible for payment of all taxes arising from Consultant's engagement under this Agreement, including federal and state income taxes and any applicable Social Security (FICA) and/or self-employment taxes. The Village will not pay any unemployment compensation or workers' compensation taxes or premiums on behalf of Consultant.
5. **Expenses.** The Village shall be responsible for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses that the Consultant incurs in performance of his duties under this Agreement, such expenses are to as approved by the Village Manager. Village reserves the right to review all expenses incurred by the Consultant on the Village's behalf.
6. **Termination of Agreement.** Either Party may elect to terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following:
 - (1) A written agreement, signed by Consultant and the President and/or the Village Attorney or other designated representative of the Village, agreeing to terminate this Agreement;
 - (2) If Consultant; (A) is unwilling to perform his duties or obligations pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise violates this Agreement, (B) commits any dishonest, fraudulent or grossly negligent act in his capacity as a consultant to the Village, or (C) in bad faith acts in a manner materially inconsistent with the best interests of the Village;
 - (3) If Consultant fails to perform as mutually agreed herein and Village outlines, in written notice, consultant's nonperformance as being a specific cause for termination of the Agreement and Consultant does not cure such failure or nonperformance within ten (10) days of receipt of such written notice.
 - (4) Thirty (30) days written notice from the Village, provided Consultant will be paid for all work performed and expenses incurred through the date of termination.
7. **Incapacity.** If Consultant is unable to perform its duties and responsibilities hereunder for more than thirty (30) days during the period of the Consulting Agreement, Village shall have the right to terminate the Agreement, with a ten (10) day written notice.
8. **Independent Contractor.** It is understood that while this Agreement is in effect, Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of the Village, and that this Agreement is not an employment agreement. Consultant shall not be deemed an employee, agent, partner or joint venture of the Village and the Village shall not exercise any control or supervision with respect to his services, except to the extent that the Village may provide specifications, descriptions, time schedules and goals for projects and exercise the right to evaluate Consultant's work product provided under this Agreement.

9. **Notice.**

To Village: The Village of Bensenville
Attn: Michael Cassady, Village Manager
12 S. Center Street
Bensenville, IL 60106
Facsimile: 630-594-1105

And to: Bond, Dickson & Associates, P.C.
Attn: Patrick K. Bond, Esq.
400 S. Knoll Street, Unit C
Wheaton, IL 60187
Facsimile: 630-681-1020

To Consultant: Terry Teele
Rory Group, LLC
212 W. Washington, Suite 1904
Chicago, IL 60606

And to: Thomas R. Raines Attorney at Law, LLC
815 W. Van Buren Street, Suite 204
Chicago, IL 60607
Facsimile: 312-226-1164

10. **Non-Disclosure.** Consultant acknowledges that in the course of the term of this Agreement, Consultant will have access to confidential information of the Village. Accordingly, Consultant agrees that it will not at any time, without the express prior consent of the Village Manger, Village President and/or the Village Attorney or other designated representative of the Village:

(1) disclose, directly or indirectly, any confidential information to anyone outside the employ of the Village, except as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate in connection with the performance of its duties under this Agreement; or

(2) use, directly or indirectly, any confidential information for the benefit of anyone other than the Village.

11. **Miscellaneous.**

a. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of Consultant and the Village with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements between the parties in their entirety, and may not be modified or amended in any way except in writing by the parties to this Agreement.

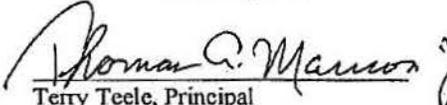
b. The terms of this Agreement shall be governed and construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to that state's principles regarding choice of law.

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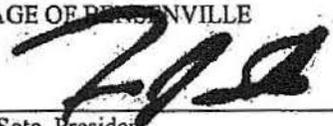
any time thereafter. No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing.

THE RORY GROUP, LLC


Terry Teele, Principal

May 17, 2011

VILLAGE OF PENNSVILLE


Frank Soto, President

May 17, 2011

Resolution No R-24-2016

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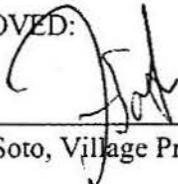
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APPROVED:



Frank Soto, Village President

Attest:



Ilsa Rivera-Trujillo, Village Clerk

Ayes: Janowiak, O'Connell, Wesseler, President Soto

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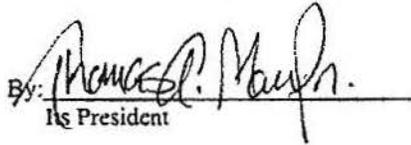
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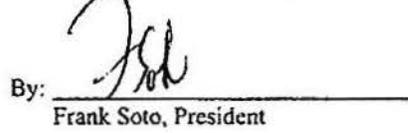
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THE RORY GROUP, LLC

By: 
Its President

Date: January 26, 2016

THE VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

By: 
Frank Soto, President

Date: January 26, 2016