

# ACTION ITEM

Board of Governors Teleconference, September 27, 2017

<b>CONTRACT ID:</b>	<b>Legal Services - Corporate</b>
<b>BUDGETED ITEM</b>	These costs for 2017 are included in the 2017 budget.
<b>CONTRACT AMOUNT</b>	<b>Estimated Total:</b> To Be Determined by legal services provided as needed on an hourly fee basis. Included in Corporate Legal Services budget for 2017.
<b>PURPOSE / SCOPE</b>	<b>Purpose:</b> This Action Item seeks Board approval to contract for legal services.  <b>Scope:</b> Corporate Legal Services has entered into a contract with the Dean Meade law firm to represent Citizens in legal billing disputes, including existing legal billing litigation. The expected cost of legal services under this contract is expected to exceed \$100,000 over the life of the contract.
<b>CONTRACT TERM(S)</b>	Until the end of the matters identified for the legal services being rendered.
<b>PROCUREMENT METHOD</b>	This law firm have been selected to provide consultative legal services to complete necessary and ongoing corporate legal billing litigation defense and for this reason the statutory exemption from competitive solicitation under §287.057(3)(e) and 627.351(6), F.S. was utilized.
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	It is recommended that Citizens' Board:  a) Approve the Legal Services – Corporate Contract with the Dean, Meade, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capovano & Bozarth, P.A. and;  b) Authorize staff to take any appropriate or necessary action consistent with the Action Item.
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