



## RESOLUTION # 2024-85

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH CONTINENTAL STRATEGY LLC FOR LOBBYING SERVICES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) YEAR, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THIS CONTRACT EXTENSION AND TO ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Miami previously retained the services of Continental Strategy LLC to lobby the United States Congress for funding of several city projects, including potable water needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract with Continental Strategy LLC is set to expire on September 30, 2024, and the City Commission desires to extend this contract for an additional one (1) year; and

**WHEREAS**, Continental Strategy LLC has provided valuable services in assisting the City in pursuing federal funding for various projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager recommends extending the contract with Continental Strategy LLC to ensure continued representation in Washington, D.C.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The aforementioned "Whereas" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the necessary documents extending the contract with Continental Strategy LLC for an additional one (1) year period, commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

**SECTION 3.** The City Commission authorizes the City Manager to allocate the necessary funds for the extended contract, continuing compensation at \$3,750 per month, for a total annual amount of \$45,000.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

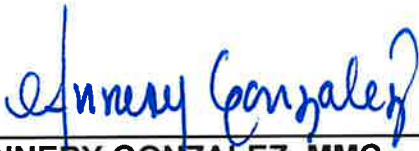
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Blanes, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez, Jr. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>



**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**

This contract is entered into between the City of West Miami ("the Client"), and Continental Strategy, LLC ("the Firm"), 1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 875, Washington, D.C. 20006.

**RECITALS**

Whereas the Client wishes to retain the services of the Firm to serve as a consultant in strategic advocacy.

Whereas the parties have agreed to the terms under which the Firm will represent the Client and wish to memorialize their agreement in writing.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Term of Agreement.** This agreement shall become effective upon signature and shall remain effective monthly and will automatically renew month to month thereafter unless either party gives written notice of non-renewal at least 30 (thirty) days prior to the expiration date of this agreement.
2. **Duties of The Firm.** It shall be the Firm's duty to consult with the Client and advocate on behalf of those issues the Client deems necessary and appropriate. It shall further be the Firm's duty to inform the Mayor and City Commission, monthly, of developments in legislation and policy relevant to the Client's operations and funding requests from the City of West Miami.
3. **Duties of The Client.** It shall be the Client's duty to provide the Firm with the information necessary to best represent the Client. It shall also be the Client's duty to timely compensate the Firm for its services.
4. **Compensation.** The Firm shall receive from the Client \$3,750 per month for a total of 12 months. The fee shall be paid monthly, with the first installment due immediately upon execution of this agreement and continuing to be due monthly on the first day of each month until the termination of the agreement.

**CITY OF WEST MIAMI**

**CONTINENTAL STRATEGY, LLC.**

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By:

By: Carlos Trujillo

Title:

Title: President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Date: August 15, 2024