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**TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**FROM: RAE JAMES**  
**SUBJECT: STATE AND FEDERAL ADVOCACY CONTRACTS**

Pursuant to Board items #33 and #34 relative to the State and Federal legislative advocacy contracts, following is the break down of negotiated amounts for the recommended firms:

State

Nielsen, Merksamer, et al.-	\$85,000
Capital Representation -	\$66,000
Nossaman, Gunther, et al.	\$25,000
JEA Associates -	\$30,000

Federal

Cliff Madison -	\$72,000
Palumbo & Cerrell-	\$72,000
Baker, Donelson, et al.	\$72,000
MARC Associates-	\$72,000
Ann Eppard Associates-	\$52,000

If you should have any questions regarding these contracts, please contract Gary Clark at (213) 922-2226.



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**TO:** BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
**FROM:** LINDA BOHLINGER *Linda Bohlinger/p.s.*  
**SUBJECT:** METRO BUS DOOR LOCKS

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**ISSUE**

Director Wilson requested staff to review a suggestion from Metro Bus Operators who have expressed a desire to be able to lock the front door when they leave the bus for short time periods while at layovers. This will prevent unwanted boarding when Operators are not on the bus.

**BACKGROUND**

Ron Skale developed a door locking prototype with input and assistance from employees at Division 2, Southern Region and installed it on TMC bus 1441. The system is simple and effective for the purpose of shutting and locking the front door when the Operator leaves the bus for short time periods. A door lock key switch is located behind the windshield washer bottle access door at the front of the bus. The system uses a common wheelchair lift system key.

The door lock system appears to be compatible for the majority of existing MTA buses delivered since 1987. Installation of door locks shall begin on all post-1987 buses assigned to the Southern Region. In addition, this system has been included for future bus orders.

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