

March 27, 2009

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**AUTHORITY CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE LAW FIRM  
EARL L. NEAL & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Continued retention of the law firm Earl L. Neal & Associates, L.L.C..

Counsel has continued to retain the firm Earl L. Neal & Associates, L.L.C. to provide legal services in connection with the contract for the State of regulatory matters for the 5500 program with

Program. Additional authorization for the firm's anticipated fees is requested in the amount of \$125,000. As invoices reviewed by the General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment, they will be

approval is not applicable to this report.

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**FIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** The firm is an MBE

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