

July 1, 2005

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Mary Redden, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item – Standard Purchasing Resolution 10
Travel Authorization and Approval to Expend Funds
for Troy City Council Members' Travel Expenses -
National League of Cities Finance, Administration and
Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Committee Meeting

Authorization is requested for Council Member Robin Beltramini's attendance of the National League of Cities Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) committee meeting in Scarborough, Maine September 15-17, 2005.

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Committee Process and Purpose

NLC policy is developed in seven committees of municipal officials. Each committee consists of two bodies:

- A larger policy and advocacy committee, which chooses the policy agenda for the year and reviews the proposed

policy proposals and resolutions drafted on that agenda by the steering committee; and

- A Steering Committee, which researches the agenda topics chosen and drafts policy positions for policy and advocacy committee review.

Policy changes accepted by each policy and advocacy are subsequently forwarded to the entire membership for approval and inclusion in NLC's *National Municipal Policy (NMP)*. The *NMP* is a collection of position statements on a variety of issues with immediate and long-term implications for the nation's cities and towns. Developed through the deliberative, member-driven policy development process described above, the *NMP* states the policy positions that frame NLC's advocacy efforts.

Each of the seven committees has a specific set of issues under its jurisdiction, and policy development in each committee is limited to these issues. The Finance, Administration and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR) Committee deals with national economic policy, general financial assistance programs, liability insurance, intergovernmental relations, Census, municipal bonds and capital finance, municipal management, antitrust issues, citizen participation and civil rights, labor relations, Native American sovereignty and municipal authority.

In March of 2005, the FAIR Policy and Advocacy Committee chose to restructure the policy chapter (reviewing policy on municipal bonds, Social Security, and public pensions). The FAIR Steering Committee will research and draft recommendations on these topics for full committee approval at the Congress of Cities.

For more information about the FAIR Committee, please contact Nicole Young, Senior Policy Analyst, at young@nlc.org or 202-626-3175.

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