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ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

No addenda issued

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. RESPONDENT VERIFICATION*

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE BELOW DOCUMENT, COMPLETE AND UPLOAD WITH YOUR SUBMITTAL.

I hereby propose to provide the goods/services requested in this Solicitation. I agree to hold pricing for at least **60** calendar days from the Solicitation due date. I agree that CITY's terms and conditions herein take precedence over any conflicting terms and conditions submitted for CITY's consideration, and agree to abide by all conditions of this Solicitation.

I certify that all information contained in this Response is truthful to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I am duly authorized to execute and submit this Response on behalf of the organization as its agent and that the organization is ready, willing and able to perform if awarded.

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2. Upload your company's proposal here.*

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3. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION FORM*

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Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes, preference shall be given to respondents that certify that they have a drug-free workplace.

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4. e-VERIFY FORM*

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The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to: 1) the Contractor shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor during the term of this Agreement; and 2) the Contractor shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement to likewise register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the subcontractor during the term of this Agreement. Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, states the statute must be construed in a manner that is fully consistent with any applicable federal laws or regulations, and therefore this section does not apply to this Agreement to the extent that this section would be inconsistent with any federal laws or regulations that are applicable to this Agreement.

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5. PROHIBITION REGARDING FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN *

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In accordance with Section 287.05701(2)(a), F.S. (2023), the City may not request documentation of or consider a vendor's social, political, or ideological interests when determining if the vendor is a responsible vendor, and may not give preference to a vendor based on the vendor's social, political, or ideological interests.

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6. REFERENCES*

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RFP_References.pdf

7. NO RESPONSE SURVEY

If you are not bidding, please complete and return the attached form so that we may learn from your comments to improve our solicitations.

- [No Response Survey.pdf](#)

No response submitted

PRICE TABLES

ANNUAL RATE FOR LOBBYIST SERVICES

Include a lump sum ANNUAL rate for the services described in the Solicitation.

Line Item	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost	Total
1	Provide a lump sum ANNUAL rate for the services described in this Solicitation.	1	Year	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
TOTAL					\$65,000.00

RESPONDENT'S VERIFICATION FORM

Legal Name of Corporation, Partnership or Individual (as reported to the IRS): Pittman Law Group, P.L.

D/B/A (Doing Business As): _____

Street Address (No PO Boxes): 1028 E Park Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32301

Federal Identification #: 65-1056760

SunBiz #: L00000014600

State of Incorporation: FL

1. **ADDENDA ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Prior to submitting my offer, I have verified that all addenda issued to date are considered as part of my offer: Addenda received (list all): n/a
2. My company is a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) or Service Disabled Veteran Enterprise (SDVE) certified with the [City of Gainesville Department of Equity and Inclusion](#).
 YES NO
3. I further acknowledge that:
 Response is in full compliance with the specifications;
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I further certify that this Response is made without prior understanding, agreement, connection, discussion, or collusion with any other person, company or corporation submitting an offer for the same product or service; no officer, employee or agent of CITY owns or will benefit more than 5% from award of this Solicitation; and the undersigned executed this Respondent's Verification with full knowledge and understanding of the matters therein contained.

Sean Pittman

08/05/2024

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

RESPONDENT'S CONTACT
(for additional information)

Sean Pittman

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If Respondent is not an individual, include authorization for the above individual to sign on behalf of the organization

Request for Proposals Prepared for
City of Gainesville, FL

State Legislative Lobbying Services

Re: CMGR-250016-DF-RFP

Proposer
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Introduction

Founded in 2001, the Pittman Law Group (PLG) is a nationally recognized boutique law firm that provides valued expertise to our clients in the areas of administrative law, government law, and government relations. For over twenty years, PLG has provided legal and lobbying services to help our clients achieve their objectives by acquiring scarce resources and shaping complex legislation at the state level. PLG has represented large corporations, local governments, and not-for-profit associations before the Florida Cabinet, Florida Legislature, and other tribunals. We are positioned to help with general legislation, budget appropriations, infrastructure initiatives, police and fire protection, comprehensive land use planning and zoning services, code enforcement and neighborhood improvement, streets and drainage construction and maintenance, traffic engineering services, refuse and recycling services, recreation and parks, cultural and nature services, and necessary administrative services to support these activities. Additionally, we have experience working with local governments which own and operate regional transit systems, municipal airports, as well as utilities.

The PLG team is comprised of a diverse and qualified group of individuals who have a combined fifty years of experience working with the Florida Legislature. Our Managing Partner, Sean Pittman, will be the lead lobbyist and the main point of contact for the City of Gainesville and Sam Peltier, Associate Director of Government Affairs, will serve as the secondary point of contact. Each consultant possesses the capacity to articulate and advocate on behalf of the City before Florida's Executive and Legislative branches. With over forty years of combined experience, Pittman Law Group remains at the forefront of issues impacting our public clients. We have gained invaluable experience in important public issues including public procurement, home rule authority, taxing and millage, as well as public funding. Consistently working on the Legislature's toughest and most high priority issues, PLG is a recognized leader within the legislative process. Our clients will resoundingly affirm that PLG remains an integral member of their government affairs team when pursuing consequential issues and legislation. Some of these clients include Broward County, City of Belle Glade, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Miami-Dade County, Palm Beach County, Florida State University Student Government Association, AT&T, Walmart, Uber, Florida Crystals, the Florida Healthcare Association, and others. Through our work with local governments, we've gained invaluable experience on important local government issues, including:

- Public Procurement
- Economic Development
- Growth Management
- Home Rule Authority
- Housing and Urban Development
- Infrastructure Improvement Projects
- Agency Rulemaking
- Transportation
- Public Utilities
- Regional Planning
- Seaport and Airports
- Unfunded Mandates
- Local Government Issues
- Water and Environmental Projects
- Telecommunication

As the primary consultant for local governments across Florida, we are experienced in providing a complete state lobbying initiative. Our legal education and public administration background provide an advantage with substantive policy measures including bill drafting, amendment drafting, etc. Furthermore, our experience within the budget making process has proven beneficial to our local government clients in securing critical state funding through the appropriations process.

The Pittman Law Group strives to provide the ultimate standard of representation in a responsive, efficient, and effective manner. Our staff analyzes issues and advises clients on appropriate strategies to achieve their goals and objectives. After years of having the privilege to represent municipalities here in Tallahassee, PLG is well-versed in working with stakeholders and officials to stay in constant communication and remain available for all needs which may arise. With PLG being headquartered in Tallahassee, our firm remains ready to meet with City officials whenever necessary to ensure we are aligned on the issues and assignments. As a trusted advisor and advocate for a diverse clientele since PLG's formation, our firm has an intimate understanding of the complexities and issues related to local government and large public organizations such as the City of Gainesville. Specifically, our firm is well-versed in the issues of appropriations, revenue sharing, transportation, aviation, homeless programs, enterprise zones, criminal justice, local government pre-emption, taxation, issues, water issues, economic development, children's services, home rule authority, building & permitting, housing development, unfunded mandates, zoning issues, grant funding, healthcare, public safety, and immigration. Outside of our extensive issue expertise, PLG is fortunate to have contacts with experience in every silo which we have not directly worked. This includes agency staff, policy experts, and outside organizations dedicated to these key issues. Should PLG be tasked with an issue that we have not yet directly been involved with, we will solicit the advice and knowledge of these expert contacts to understand the issue, the dynamics at play, and how best to advocate for the City's position. Furthermore, as a full-service law firm with attorneys specializing in local government and administrative law, PLG is equipped to respond to any issues outside the expertise of our government affairs professionals.

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Project Understanding and Approach

Pittman Law Group uses a forward-thinking approach to strategizing, lobbying, and consulting. Specifically, our team will provide the following services to the City of Gainesville:

Consultation

- 1. Identify state grant funding opportunities and report all and any findings to the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations on the 15th and 30th of each month.*
- 2. Provide the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations with agency meetings, letters of support, or other recommendations to enhance the City's efforts in the competitive state grant proposal process.*
- 3. Continually screen all existing and proposed state policies/programs, legislation, and political/policy trends identifying those issues that may affect the City, and immediately inform the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations via phone calls, emails, or other communications as to the above.*
- 4. Review the legislative and State agency policy statements adopted by the Florida League of Cities, and other local government lobbying groups for the purpose of identifying issues which may either positively or negatively affect the City.*
- 5. Monitor and track litigation, administrative hearings/proceedings, rule challenges, and other regulatory issues that may impact the City.*
- 6. Coordinate with the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations to develop the City's annual state legislative program.*
- 7. Upon request, coordinate and attend appointments and meetings between designated representatives of the City, or other City staff and appropriate state officials and/or Local Legislative Delegation members.*
- 8. Collaborate information and strategic guidance with the City's federal lobbying firm, upon request, in circumstances pertaining to assistance with federal-state programs that benefit the City.*
- 9. Provide analysis and recommendations in finance/taxes, appropriations process, regulation, growth management, planning, and any and all other legislative subject matters as directed by the City or may come to the attention of the Firm.*
- 10. Actively seek opportunities to enhance the City's legislative priorities; provide options as to legislative strategies when necessary.*

A major focus of our legislative efforts is securing resources for our local government clients. This effort includes the session appropriations process and in the interim when we work with agencies and staff to identify grant opportunities for our clients. Serving clients in the areas of government and administrative law, our firm has a strong reputation with executive agency officials. This work took on a new life in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. We worked with the Florida Division of Emergency Management on federal grant compliance on behalf of our counties and cities.

We are also called upon to work with agencies on behalf of current and previous private clients, including the Opa-Locka CDC, Indelible Solutions, and FAMU Credit Union. With these and other clients, we have negotiated and executed contractual opportunities with the Department of Economic Opportunity, Department of Transportation, Department of Education, Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Our team members regularly work with organizations such as the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida Association of Intergovernmental Relations, Florida City and County Management Association, and the Florida League of Cities. We coordinate, when possible, on issues that impact our clients and utilize shared issue briefs to inform research for the same. In addition to the direction provided by the League's policy points, we task our lobbying team with reviewing legislation related to local governments. Our team is comprised of local government and administrative lawyers who represent the varied interests of professional entities before executive agencies. Our firm is experienced in representing professionals in administrative hearings before the Department of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), guiding state procurement, and challenges to rules and rulemaking proceedings. We are uniquely situated to provide insight on consequential litigation, rules, and all proposed policy changes and political trends of relevance to the City of Gainesville.

Our proximity to government agencies makes us available at a moment's notice to engage on behalf of our clients. Having represented local governments for almost twenty years, our team has significant experience identifying legislative policies and appropriations that will advance the City's long term strategic goals. Upon engagement by the City, we will work in conjunction with the local commission, local delegation, and City designees to develop a legislative package. Building a strong legislative package requires a collective of information from stakeholders within the branches of government. To provide such information to our clients, PLG works with our contacts to learn the priorities of the Governor, Speaker, and Senate President. This information helps our clients set priorities that will align with presiding officers. Further, we closely monitor agencies and judiciaries to understand rulings and decisions that may impact local governments. Furthermore, our Tallahassee location allows us to easily set up and attend meetings with delegation members, legislators, and executive level staff.

Our firm has federal lobbying experience that leverages our contacts within the Florida delegation and democratic leadership. We will supplement, as needed, the efforts of the federal lobbying team in Washington D.C. and Florida. Providing the best possible legislative lobbying services to achieve the City's priorities includes both substantive policy measures and fiscal initiatives that require the strength of a robust and diverse team. We have a track record of consistently meeting assigned goals and working cohesively with fellow team members. We are relied upon for our work ethic, astute advocacy capabilities, and strong relationships to achieve key objectives. Our firm has the pleasure of representing local governments who employ a team of lobbyists, some of the most notable clients being three of the largest counties in the state, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and Broward County. This team experience will prove to be essential in ensuring the efficient and successful coordination of both state and federal lobbyists.

Advocacy

1. *Attend Legislative sessions, committee hearings and meetings; attending agency hearings and meetings; providing high-level consultation for and assisting with the identification of state grant funding opportunities; and providing appropriate status reports on all issues/activities including, but not limited to, economic development agencies and workforce development, as necessary, on matters assigned by the City Manager.*
2. *Participate in state organization lobbying efforts and campaigns when priority concerns of Gainesville are at stake.*
3. *Maximize relationships with the Governor's Office, Local Legislative Delegation, state agency departments, other key members of the House of Representatives, Senate, Committee Chairs, and professional Committee staff.*
4. *Facilitate briefings and lobbying/advocacy strategies for the City's concerns with its Local Legislative Delegation (vote counts, delegation letters in support of the City's grants and projects, distribution of organizational letters of support to Appropriations (Sub)Chairs, and orchestrated calls to executive agencies in support of appropriations and grants).*
5. *Maximize the City's membership in Florida-based interest groups and associations, such as the Florida League of Cities, so the City's priorities and positions are clearly understood, reinforced, and advanced within state organization agendas.*
6. *Develop and evaluate strategy for the support, defeat, or amendment of pending state legislation or agency policy initiatives.*
7. *Appear and testify before legislative committees and state agencies, in order to promote and seek passage of legislation or agency policies affecting in accordance with the City's program(s).*
8. *Obtain sponsors/co-sponsors for the City's priority legislation and work diligently to attain the passage of the City's proposals.*
9. *Submit information to State*

The Pittman Law Group has open-door relationships with every member of the Florida Legislature on both sides of the aisle and significant relationships with the Executive branch and State agencies. While every member's door is open to our professionals, and we enjoy warm relationships with nearly all members, we find that our local government clients' needs and priorities broadly fall under the umbrellas of transportation and infrastructure, environmental resiliency, water projects, and agriculture, among other issues. Having worked on local government priorities for years, we have intimate relationships with the relevant members, as well as the budget chiefs and executive-level staff members tasked with leading these silos. In addition to these appropriations stakeholders, our firm has worked closely with both the Alachua County Delegation as well as the Governor's Office for years.

These relationships have allowed us to call on these individuals for requests, information, or problems which may arise on behalf of the City. Moreover, in the era of term limits, the team understands the importance of developing and cultivating relationships with members on both sides of the aisle. Long-standing relationships with key members in the Legislative and Executive Branches have significantly enhanced the firm's success in the legislative process. The firm's attorneys have established a positive working relationship with current and future leaders in the Executive and Legislative branches.

We have also coordinated with local delegations, the Florida Association of Counties, and the Florida League of Cities on a number of issues impacting local governments. It is common for legislative or committee staff to initiate and shepherd issues. They are often the first to hear of breaking developments and can help thwart complications before they occur. This encourages the team to not only garner close-working relationships with elected officials but their staff as well. We also consider the committee professional to be a very significant part of the process. They are considered permanent staffers and generally move around from committee to committee, from House to Senate and government agencies, etc. They are our neighbors, and we work with them all year to make sure our clients have access and the interest of the pillars. The Legislative Delegation is an integral part of your legislative success and members of the Delegation are the last ones in the room when Chairs are approving measures. They must be well versed on your projects and how they fit into your overall strategic plan. We will work to ensure that Delegation is educated on your priorities and grant requests. They are especially important for claims bills and appropriation requests. We always need their involvement. Further, as one of the pre-eminent minority-owned governmental affairs firms in Florida, PLG has intimate relationships with the Florida Legislative Black Caucus and other minority-led interest groups. This has afforded the firm access to spaces which are not usually shared by other firms statewide.

Additionally, our firm is equipped to attend and testify before legislative committees, as well as agency hearings and meetings, while also providing high-level consultation and advice to City stakeholders and staff. Should any information need to be submitted to the State, regional agencies, or government bodies, PLG stands ready to assist and facilitate these actions on behalf of the City.

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When the Florida Legislature is in Session:

1. *Maintain regular weekly contact with the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations via email, conference calls, video conference, or other communications on day-to-day activity.*
2. *Directly notify the City Manager and other City staff as directed, on information that may impose critical deadlines and impact the City.*
3. *Requests from the City will be addressed within a set time period not to exceed 24 hours in order to meet critical deadlines.*
4. *Participate in conference calls, with the Mayor, City Commissioners, City Manager, department directors or other designated City employees, as scheduled.*
5. *Email weekly written reports in memo format on the status of legislation and state policy issues of concern to the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations. These memo reports shall include briefings and information bulletins pertinent to any legislation, rules, regulations, and state policies or programs that affect the City and its citizens, either directly or indirectly.*
6. *Provide a detailed final report on specific legislation or policies affecting the City. The report shall be provided within a reasonable time period, not to exceed 30 days, after the close of each Legislative session.*

When the Florida Legislature is out of Session:

1. *Provide monthly briefing calls on a schedule determined in consultation with the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations.*
2. *Provide a minimum of three comprehensive briefing sessions annually - 2 in-person and 1 virtual. More frequent reports will be provided on demand, when necessary; and interim written reports providing an overview on state actions taken and a decision memorandum on those issues requiring immediate action.*
3. *Upon request by the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations, and within a specifically requested determined timeframe, provide information and professional guidance on any state programs and legislation of most concern to Gainesville, including available impact analyses. These findings are especially intended to provide Gainesville-specific information, well beyond that available to the City through general or state newsletters. Such information is further intended to provide information that the City can utilize for maximizing rational short-term grant, program planning, and development purposes.*
4. *Provide targeted information on state policy and regulatory actions of the state government, which may directly affect Gainesville, including potential plans on the Governor's administration and executive agencies for new grant competitions or programs.*
5. *Inform the City's Government Affairs & Community Relations, in a timely immediate manner, of potential conflicts that arise between your representation of the City of Gainesville and any other individual*

While many firms are headquartered and have principal residency outside of Tallahassee, PLG is headquartered in Florida's Capital City. We consider this to be an incredible asset for our clients. After the sixty-day session when many lobbyists and consultants head home, our team members are still in Tallahassee, connecting with staff members and agency executives. Living in community with these legislative stakeholders who also call Tallahassee home and engaging in activities throughout the year gives us the opportunity to represent the interests of the City even when session is not in.

Often, when advocating on behalf of our clients, legislators, delegation members, agency officials and other stakeholders will request additional information or data so that they may further review an issue that is pertinent to our client. In these cases, we compile and organize the necessary data that is available to us through public sources and via our subscription-based databases, and if needed, we request the specific information directly from our clients. We then work as the messenger and intermediary of the information to ensure it is received and utilized.

We work by the motto that "winning is all in the details" and we apply this mentality especially when it comes to presenting information on behalf of our clients. When collecting and compiling data regarding a legislative priority, we ensure that not only the information is up to date and correct, but that the format is digestible, comprehensive, and visually pleasing to the eye of the individual receiving it.

Legislative Committees and State Agencies release information throughout the year that impacts public sector agencies. To communicate the same to clients, the team prepares briefing reports for key stages of the legislative and budget processes. These include but are not limited to:

- Fiscal Analysis in Brief
- Long Range Financial Outlook
- Governor's Budget Priorities
- State Agency Requests
- Interim Committee Week Reports
- Weekly Session Reports
- Monthly Session Memos
- Final Session Reports
- Daily Budget Conference Reports
- Grant Notices

Each local government report is customized to address the City's legislative agenda. Specifically, the weekly interim committee and session reports provide an overview of events impactful to local governments and bills related to local governments as well as the City's legislative agenda.

PLG works to ensure that the team provides in-depth analyses of bills and their fiscal impact to local governments by specifically highlighting any potential unfunded mandates or violations of home rule. We provide weekly reports during committee weeks, legislative session, and special session if one occurs. However, because the Budget Conference is exceptionally fast paced, we work to ensure that our clients are the first to hear of important developments and provide daily reports on their appropriation requests. Finally, reports regarding events of the budget making process including the fiscal analysis in brief, the long-range financial outlook, and the Governor's budget priorities are provided to clients upon release. We strive not to simply regurgitate information but to analyze it and provide a detailed yet succinct overview of the budget documents and how they will impact the upcoming legislative session.

Logistical Support

Provide the City, the Mayor, City Manager, Commissioners, and Government & Community Relations with logistical support in Tallahassee or at state organization sessions involving critical state-local issues, by coordinating and scheduling strategic appointments or negotiation sessions. This includes attending certain state legislative, agency, or gubernatorial meetings upon request.

Members of our team have strong relationships among the different branches and levels of government throughout the state of Florida. Thanks to these relationships, our location, and how immersed we are in the political process, we leverage our connections to work directly with agency heads, legislative and executive leadership, presiding officers, and their staff members. As such, we will provide the City not only with the ability to schedule strategic, time-sensitive appointments, but also provide critical support at negotiation and state organization sessions.

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Proposed Project Staff

For this solicitation, Attorney Sean Pittman will serve as the primary contact for the City of Gainesville, while Sam Peltier will act as the secondary point of contact.

Below you will see background information on both Attorney Pittman and Sam Peltier.

Attorney Sean Pittman, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer, leads our team of advocacy experts. With over twenty-three years of experience, Attorney Pittman has worked diligently to establish and cultivate relationships with members of the South Florida political apparatus and the Florida Legislature to ensure the successful passage of legislation and appropriations. Attorney Pittman founded PLG after building a resume as Staff Attorney to the Florida House of Representatives, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and Florida Governor Lawton Chiles. Attorney Pittman prides himself on being a trusted legal counsel to cities, counties, intergovernmental agencies, hospitals, financial institutions, aviation and port authorities, universities, industries, corporations, and various professional associations. Attorney Pittman has been featured in publications such as the Florida Trend Magazine as an important person to know in the Capital City of Florida and Influence Magazine as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in Florida Politics.

Sam Peltier is the Associate Director of Governmental Affairs for the Pittman Law Group. Born and raised in Tallahassee, FL, Sam's journey began with a passion for politics and government. After earning a bachelor's degree in political science and communications and a master's in media studies from Florida State University, Sam embarked on a career dedicated to public service. His first foray into politics was as a Senior Mayoral Fellow in the Office of the Mayor in Tallahassee, Florida. This invaluable experience allowed Sam to witness firsthand the inner workings of local government and the complexities of policymaking. From there, Sam worked as a strategic innovation consultant for the City of Tallahassee, where he was tasked with modernizing municipal services and systems. Sam served as a Political Advisor for the National Black Justice Coalition, where he guided the organization's efforts to promote equality and combat discrimination. At PLG, Sam bridges the gap between government entities, community organizations, and elected officials, utilizing his political skills and strategic thinking.

With over thirty years of experience advocating for local governments across the state, PLG is uniquely equipped to advance the priorities of Gainesville at the state level. Since our firm's inception, PLG has specialized in securing critical appropriation project funding for our clients. In the past three years alone, PLG has helped bring home over \$25 million dollars for municipalities and county governments. Our extensive appropriation expertise and relationships with long-term budget staff keep us in the flow of information as it relates to leadership priorities and budget constraints. In addition to our success in the appropriation process, PLG has a unique understanding of the legislative process and how to work with stakeholders on both sides of the aisle to enact legislation which benefits our clients.

Before establishing the firm, Attorney Sean Pittman worked in the Legislature and Governor Chiles' office- providing legal counsel on a litany of legislative issues which impact local governments. Sam Peltier also has extensive experience advocating on behalf of local governments. Before joining PLG, Sam worked for nearly half a decade for the City of Tallahassee's Mayor's Office- coordinating successful projects and initiatives that are still in effect today.

Please see below for both Attorney Sean Pittman and Sam Peltier's resumes.



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EDUCATION

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Social Science
College of Law



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Political Science, 1990



JURIS DOCTOR

1994

EXPERIENCE

OWNER & MANAGING PARTNER

FOUNDER & GENERAL CONSULTANT

STAFF ATTORNEY

SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

LAW CLERK

LAW CLERK



PITTMAN LAW GROUP

2000-Present



ESPMEDIA PRODUCTION CO.

2007-Present



FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1998-1999



FL DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

1995-1998



OFFICE OF FL GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES

1994-1995



KATZ, KUTTER, HAIGLER, ALDERMAN, DAVIS & MARKS

1993-1994



FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RULES COMMITTEE

1992-1993

MEMBER

○ **FLORIDA BOARD OF REGENTS**
1992-1993

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

○ **FLORIDA STUDENT ASSOCIATION**
1992-1993

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

○ **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**
1989-1990

BIOGRAPHY

Sean Pittman represents a diverse client list of private citizens, local governments, small businesses, and Fortune 500 companies. Sean serves as trusted legal counsel to cities, counties, hospitals, banking institutions, aviation and port authorities, universities, industries, corporations, and various professional associations. As a local government lawyer, Sean represents Florida counties and municipalities before the Florida Cabinet, Florida Legislature, and other tribunals. As an administrative lawyer, Sean has a strong understanding of the Florida Administrative Procedures Act, advising clients on matters before the Department of Administrative Hearings and various State of Florida boards and agencies.

In compilation of his many years of work and service, in 2021 Sean was selected to interview and ultimately became a semi-finalist for the Presidency at Florida State University. In 2022 Pittman Law Group was awarded the Seminole 100 award in recognition as one of the fastest-growing alumni owned businesses by the Florida State University Alumni Association. During the Spring 2022 Alumni Awards ceremony, Sean received the FSU Alumni Association and Omicron Delta Kappa's Grads Made Good Award.

For his philanthropic endeavors, Sean was presented the 2016 Heman Sweatt Award by the National Bar Association, the Tallahassee Servant Leadership Award by the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, and the Founders Award in 2014 from the Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce. Sean donated \$100,000 to the Smokey Hollow Historic Neighborhood and in 2010, Sean contributed \$100,000 to the Florida State University College of Law to fund the Sean Pittman Scholarship for minority students.

The Tallahassee Democrat named Sean one of the "Top Twenty-Five Most Influential People in Tallahassee" and featured him in the article, "Capitol Clout" for being a significant political insider within the constantly changing environs of Florida's State Capitol. Sean has been ranked annually as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Florida Politics" by Influence magazine. Florida Trend magazine says Sean is "one to look for" in the new wave of politics in Florida and lists him as a "Must Know Contact" in Tallahassee. He has also been included in Florida Trend's "Top 500 Business Leaders in Florida."

Sean is a co-host of the popular television talk show "The Usual Suspects," airing on one of the highest watched CBS affiliates in the country. On the show, he analyzes and provides commentary on the latest happenings in state and national politics. Sean also hosts his own radio show and podcast series, "The Sean Pittman Show," which is widely acclaimed for its meritorious guests and significant insights into politics, business, sports, and more. In recent years, Sean has also made appearances on MSNBC, CNN and Fox News, while also being published in USA Today, Tallahassee Democrat, the Palm Beach Post, and more.

Sean and his wife, Dr. Audra Pittman, reside in Tallahassee, Florida where they are raising their three wonderful daughters Paloma, Pilar, and Phoebe.

AFFILIATIONS

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

- Founder & Chairman, Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce
- Founder, Wilhelmina Foundation
- Founder & Member, FSU Burning Spear
- Past-President, Orange Bowl Committee
- Former General Counsel, National Bar Association
- Board Member, Florida State University Foundation Board of Trustees
- Board Member, Florida State University Jim Moran Advisory Board
- Board Member, Florida State University Law School Board of Visitors
- Board Member, Orange Bowl Committee
- Board Member, American Diabetes Association
- Board Member, National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame
- Member, Big Ten Conference Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism Coalition
- Member, Leon County Schools Re-Opening Task Force
- Leadership Tallahassee, Class 15
- Leadership Florida, Class 21
- Former Chairman, Children's Home Society, North Florida Division
- Former Board Director, Hancock Whitney Bank of Florida
- Former Board Member, Capital City Chamber of Commerce
- Former Board Member, Florida State University Center Club
- Former Board Director & Chair, Seminole Torchbearers
- Former Board Member, Children's Home Society of Florida
- Former Board Member, Leon County Civic Center Authority
- Former Board Member, United Way of the Big Bend
- Former Board Member, Apalachee Center
- Former Board Director, Seminole Boosters
- Former Board Director, Brogan Museum
- Life Member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated
- Life Member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Brawley Legacy Awardee Member, Sigma Pi Phi Boule

- Member, Florida Bar Association
 - Member, American Bar Association
 - Member, National Bar Association
 - Member, Tallahassee Barristers Association
 - Member, Florida Administrative Law Section
 - Member, Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce
 - Member, Florida State University Black Alumni Association
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AWARDS

- Johnnie L. Cochran Attorney of the Year, National Bar Association, 2022
 - Florida State University Alumni Association Grad Made Good Honoree, 2022
 - Florida State University Seminole 100 Award, 2022
 - Florida Conference of Black State Legislators Joe Lang Kershaw Award, 2022
 - Florida State University Foundation Legacy Donor Recognition, 2020
 - Tallahassee Community College President's Award, 2019
 - Florida State University Faculty Senate Vires Torch Award, 2019
 - Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame, 2019 Special Recognition
 - Florida Trend Magazine, 2019 Top 500 Business Leaders in Florida
 - INFLUENCE Magazine, 2015, 2018, and 2020 Top 100 Most Influential People in Florida Politics
 - Tallahassee Barristers Association, 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee
 - National Bar Association, 2016 Heman Marion Sweatt Award
 - Leadership Florida, 2015 Distinguished Member of the Year
 - Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce, 2013 Chairman's Award
 - Black Education Caucus, 2011 Community Service Award
 - Boulé Journal, 2010 Champion
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PUBLICATIONS

- 2020, "An open letter to County Commissioners" – Capitol Outlook
- 2020, "Lots of Qualified Black Women could be Biden's VP. Picking one will turn out Democrats" – South Florida Sun-Sentinel
- 2020, "Colorblind COVID-19 Should Open our Eyes to Racial Disparities" – South Florida Sun-Sentinel
- 2019, "Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce Charts an Aggressive Course for 2019" – Tallahassee Democate

- 2019, "Florida's Latest Iteration of Voter Suppression—Parking on College Campuses" — South Florida Sun Sentinel
- 2019, "Not Just Felons Who Need Second Chance at Voting" — Pensacola News Journals
- 2018, "Amendment 4 Offers Second Chances & Sensible Additions to the Constitution" — South Florida Times
- 2018, "Far-Left Labels Don't Apply to Andrew Gillum" — FlaPol, Florida Politics
- 2018, "I Ask the NRA to Take Stand on Stand Your Ground" — News-Press, USA Today
- 2018, "Dems Can't Forget Black Voters in 2018" – Seanpittman.com
- 2018, "Immigration v. Incarceration? Lock 'Em Up Usually Wins" – West-side Gazette
- 2018, "Dems Face a Big Choice in 2018" – SeanPittman.com
- 2018, "Dems Must Get Out of Their Own Way" – Pensacola News Journal
- 2018, "Gun Violence: Explaining the Inexplicable" – Capital Outlook
- 2017, "Florida Shouldn't Waste Its Teachable Moments" – South Florida

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EDUCATION

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Communications

College of Social Sciences &
Public Policy



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Political Science & Media Communications
Studies, 2017

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Media & Communication Studies, 2018

EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

POLITICAL CONSULTANT

SPECIAL ASSISTANT

SENIOR MAYORAL FELLOW



PITTMAN LAW GROUP

2023-Present

NATIONAL BLACK JUSTICE COALITION

2021-2023

FORWARD FLORIDA

2018-2020

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF TALLAHASSEE

2015-2018

BIOGRAPHY

Sam Peltier is the Associate Director of Governmental Affairs for the Pittman Law Group. Sam provides a wealth of experience in legislative and advocacy work for our clients and stakeholders across Florida. Sam's political start began as the Senior Mayoral Fellow for the City of Tallahassee's Office of the Mayor. As the Senior Mayoral Fellow, Sam was responsible for constituent services,

communication strategy, and several municipal initiatives, including the Longest Table and the 1,000 Mentors program. During his time in City Hall, Sam developed relationships with local government stakeholders and organizations while gaining a deep insight into the processes of local government, including procurement practices, legislative priorities, and regulatory policy. Sam then transitioned to the position of special assistant for Mayor Andrew Gillum, where he was tasked with advising the mayor and handling operations, messaging, and strategy following his 2018 gubernatorial run.

Before joining the Pittman Law Group, Sam was a political advisor for the National Black Justice Coalition. In this role, Sam created the Good Trouble Network– the first-ever nationwide elected official network for Black, LGBTQ+ elected officials. The network membership now consists of over seventy elected officials from across the country- ranging from local school boards to the United States House of Representatives.

AFFILIATIONS

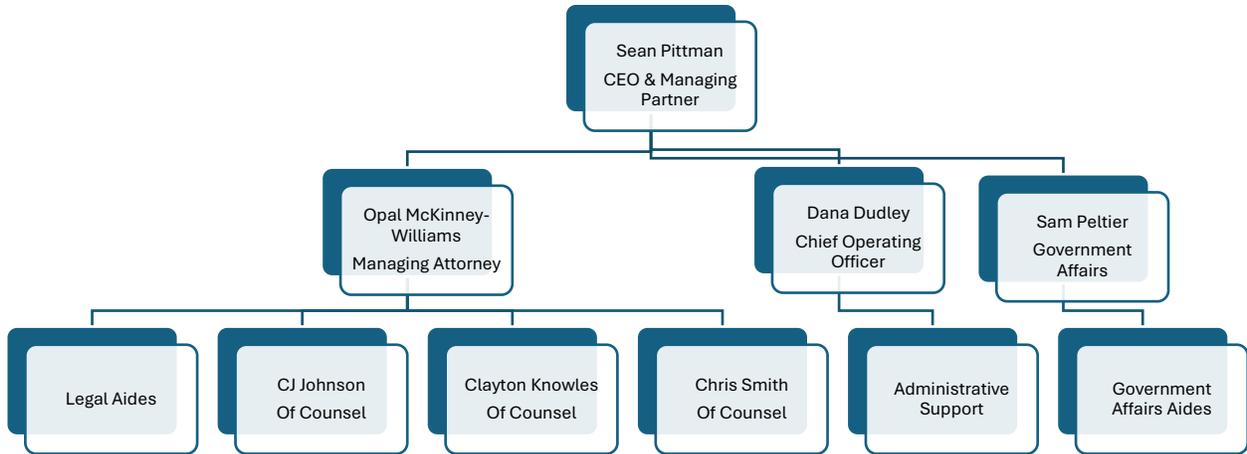
○ PROFESSIONAL

- Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
- Access Tallahassee
- Leadership Tallahassee, Class 42

○ CIVIC

- Rotary International
- Tallahassee Soccer Association
- Big Bothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend

Below is the organizational staff chart for the Pittman Law Group:



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Qualifications

Having operated within Florida’s political ecosystem for over two decades, PLG has extensive knowledge relating to regulatory and administrative agencies, the executive branch, and the Florida Legislature at both the local and state levels.

The Pittman Law Group has been an integral and influential part of Florida’s political process for years. In the past three years, we have secured over \$25 million dollars in funding for our client’s appropriation requests, while navigating legislative issues and policies at the request of our local governments.

Our track record of recent legislative accomplishments since 2022 for local governments at the state level includes the following:

- \$4,450,000 in State project funding for Miami-Dade County
- \$737,500 in State project funding for Miami-Dade County (Vetoed)
- \$2,385,000 in State project funding for Palm Beach County
- \$4,250,000 in State project funding for the City of Port Orange, FL
- \$350,000 in State project funding for the City of Port Orange, FL (Vetoed)
- \$5,400,000 in State project funding for the City of Riviera Beach, FL
- \$3,587,305 in State project funding for the City of Belle Glade, FL
- \$2,250,000 in State project funding for the Town of Mangonia Park, FL
- \$1,000,000 in State project funding for the Town of Mangonia Park, FL (Vetoed)
- \$1,500,000 in State project funding for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, FL
- \$1,000,000 in State project funding for the City of Royal Palm Beach, FL
- \$750,000 in State project funding for the Broward County Government
- Defeated the Florida House version of a bill that would pre-empt local governments from enacting “living wages.”
- Successfully advocated for legislation to remove barriers for rural counties seeking federal grants.

Our full list of local government clients includes the following:

- Broward County
- City of Belle Glade
- City of Gretna
- City of Orlando
- City of Port Orange
- City of Riviera Beach
- Leon County
- Miami-Dade County
- Palm Beach County
- Town of Loxahatchee Groves
- Town of Mangonia Park
- Village of Royal Palm Beach

The information below reflects PLG's success over the past five years and gives a brief representation of funds requested and received for clients in the public/private sector. You have our permission to contact these clients to further discuss our performance.

TOWN OF MANGONIA PARK

Contact: Ken Metcalf

Email: kmetcalf@tompfl.com

Number: (910) 578-7317

Term of Engagement: 2021-present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$750,000** for Water Plant Expansion
- **\$1,500,000** for Septic to Sewer Conversion
- **\$700,000** for Addie Green Park Improvements (Vetoed)
- **\$1,500,000** for Road Re-Paving (Vetoed)

VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH

Contact: Raymond C. Liggins

Email: rliggins@royalpalmbeach.com

Number: (561) 790-5103

Term of Engagement: 2004 – Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$922,000** Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project
- **\$250,000** Storm Water Management Program
- **\$500,000** Canal System Rehabilitation
- **\$450,000** La Mancha

Substantive Policy Issues:

Loxahatchee Groves Incorporation: At the request of the Village, we successfully defeated attempts by some to incorporate an unincorporated neighborhood town (Loxahatchee Groves) as its own city government. A year later, a compromise was reached and the town was incorporated according to an agreed set of standards.

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

Contact: Francine Ramaglia

Email: FRamaglia@loxahatcheegrovesfl.gov

Number: 561-793-2418

Term of Engagement: 2023-Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$750,000** for Stormwater System Rehabilitation Phase II
- **\$750,000** for Stormwater System Rehabilitation Phase I

CITY OF BELLE GLADE

Contact: Steve Wilson

Email: Dbuff@belleglade-fl.com

Number: (561) 449-5621

Term of Engagement: 2018-Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$1,185,000** for a Roadway Repairs
- **\$252,505** for a Pedestrian Bridge Replacement
- **\$750,000** for the Everglades Restoration Agricultural Community Employment Training Program
- **\$3,000,000** for Belle Glade Community Center

Substantive Policy Issues:

Affordable Housing: Coordinated with Palm Beach County administration to create a program for the safe demolition of over 50 hazardous condemned buildings. Before receiving funds, the owner must sign a restrictive covenant deeming the house affordable housing for five years.

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CITY OF PORT ORANGE

Contact: Donald Burnette

Email: dburnette@port-orange.org

Number: (386) 295-5760

Term of Engagement: 2006- Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$1,000,000** for Water Main Replacement
- **\$2,500,000** for Sewer Force Main River Crossing
- **\$350,000** for Stormwater System Rehabilitation Pipeline
- **\$2,500,000** Dunlawton Avenue construction to allow the City of Port Orange to construct operable and dependable hurricane evacuation routes
- **\$1,250,000** Dunlawton Avenue Road funding during a legislative year where funding for local road projects was not favorable
- **\$1,250,000** Canal Flood Control and Integrated Water Resources Project
- **\$750,000** Flooding Mitigation Project
- **\$750,000** White Acres Utility Project
- **\$650,000** Cambridge Canal Project
- **\$500,000** Cambridge Canal Improvement Project
- **\$125,000** Port Orange License Plate Readers

Substantive Policy Issues:

Opposed HB 13: HB 13 would have significantly altered the structure of Community Redevelopment Agencies that have historically played a major role in helping revitalize communities that are economically disadvantaged. PLG worked with the legislature to communicate the ramifications of such a move on behalf of the client. Consequently, the legislation died in the Senate.

Southeast Volusia County Hospital District: Passed legislation allowing residents from the City of Port Orange to sit on the Southeast Volusia County Hospital District Board. This legislation amended a 20-year statute that did not comply with the current makeup of the hospital district which includes the City of Port Orange.

LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Contact: Sheriff Walt McNeil

Email: mcneilw@leoncountyfl.gov

Number: (850) 606-3345

Term of Engagement: 2018-Current

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$187,500** Leon County Sheriff's Office Behavioral, Health, and Occupational Wellness

Substantive Policy Issues:

Florida Retirement System: Authorized a person who has retired from the FRS to provide volunteer services to an FRS employer without violating the provision of law requiring termination from employment. Specifically, the bill authorizes an FRS employer to establish a post-employment volunteer program that allows retirees to provide civic, charitable, and humanitarian services during the first 12 months following retirement.

Alcohol or Drug Overdose Prosecutions: Prohibited arrest or penalty under specified provisions of person seeking medical assistance for individual experiencing alcohol-related or drug-related overdose or for himself or herself; prohibits this protection from being grounds for suppression of evidence in other prosecutions.

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CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH

Contact: Jonathan Evans

Email: jevans@rivierabeach.org

Number: (561) 812-6601

Term of Engagement: 2009-present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$500,000** for Fire Station on Singer Island
- **\$350,000** for Water Quality Restoration Project
- **\$1,000,000** for Lift Station Replacement
- **\$600,000** for Mobile Command Center
- **\$3,823,213** for Singer Island Shore Protection/Beach Restoration project
- **\$3,000,000** to alleviate public safety hazards regarding a major city thoroughfare
- **\$1,000,000** for two separate water mitigation improvement projects
- **\$500,000** for West 6th Street Improvements
- **\$500,000** for Library Construction Grant
- **\$500,000** for Broadway Corridor/15th Street Infrastructure Beautification
- **\$500,000** for Water Treatment Plant Disinfection
- **\$450,000** for 15th Street Beautification Infrastructure Project
- **\$425,000** for Avenue O Stormwater Easement Extension
- **\$375,000** for 18th Street-West 22nd Street Stormwater Improvement
- **\$1,000,000** for Public Safety Complex

Substantive Policy Issues:

Port of Palm Beach: The Port of Palm Beach attempted to remove taxing authority from the City of Riviera Beach by amending their governing charter. We identified the amendment for the Riviera Beach City Council and identified supporters in the City Council. Our team met with those members and informed them of the potential fiscal impact of the amendment. Ultimately, we defeated efforts by the Port of Palm Beach to remove taxing authority from the City of Riviera Beach.

Beach Rentals: Opposed legislation that would preempt local ordinances related to vacation rentals.

Sober Homes: Supported legislation to add safer regulations to sober homes.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Contact: Todd Bonlarron

Email: TBonlarr@pbcgov.org

Number: (561) 355-3452

Term of Engagement: 2004- Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$2,000,000** for County Road 880 Re-Paving
- **\$385,000** for fire rescue water vehicle
- **\$9,000,000** Palm Beach State College PECO funding
- **\$9,000,000** Small City/Small County funding
- **\$1,500,000** Lake Region Water Treatment Plant Project
- **\$1,500,000** Glades Water Infrastructure Improvements
- **\$1,400,000** to purchase and revitalize the Glades Senior Center
- **\$1,400,000** for workforce development funds at West Tech Academy
- **\$500,000** 13th Street Improvements
- **\$500,000** Sabal Palms Reentry/Restore Ex-Offender Reentry Program
- **\$470,000** Inland Logistics Center in South Bay
- **\$350,000** Belle Glade Stormwater Improvements
- **\$350,000** African American History Museum at Historic Roosevelt High School

Substantive Policy Issues:

Homelessness: Supported the passage of homelessness legislation to provide a more stable environment when competing for local homeless challenge grants.

Infectious Disease Elimination Act: Supported the passage of sterile needle and syringe exchange legislation to battle the spread of HIV strategically.

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BROWARD COUNTY

Contact: Marty Cassini

Email: mcassini@broward.org

Number: (954) 789-9293

Term of Engagement: 2003-Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$3,000,000** Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers
- **\$2,237,000** to successfully maintain the Title V: Air Quality Permitting Program
- **\$1,800,000** Osborne Reef Tire Removal Project
- **\$1,000,000** Coral Reef Disease Water Quality Monitoring Program
- **\$200,000** Nancy J Cotterman Child Advocacy and Rape Crisis Center

Substantive Policy Issues:

Municipal Annexation: Opposed legislation to allow cities to annex into the county without the approval of the county.

Alternative Water Supply: Opposed measure to authorize a study to consider desalination and its viability as an alternative water source but would have taken funding from the Alternative Water Resource funding. This would have decreased the funding available for future alternative water source projects.

Florida Building Code: Broward County sought to pass legislation that would retain local amendments for the Florida Building Code when a new version was drafted by the Florida Building Commission. Broward County passes local technical amendments to pursue aggressive water conservation policies necessary to ensure adequate water supply considering population increases. Ultimately, language allowing local technical amendments relating to conservation was added to SB 1312 - Relating to Construction and signed by Governor Scott.

Affordable Housing: Supported legislation that removed the \$234 million cap on doc stamps that are deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund.

Criminal Justice: Supported legislation increasing the threshold amounts for theft offenses and prohibiting the arrest, charge, prosecution, or penalization of a person who seeks medical assistance for an alcohol or drug-related overdose. Supported legislation establishing a minimum age of arrest for minors and expunging the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who have successfully completed a diversion program. Supported legislation prohibiting the republishing or dissemination of certain arrest booking photographs and prohibiting a person from obtaining or disclosing privileged communications made to crime stoppers organizations.

E911 Systems: Supported passage of a bill requiring text-to-911 systems and upgrades to 911 Public Safety Answer Points to allow the transfer of emergency calls.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Contact: Jess McCarty

Email: Jmm2@miamidade.gov

Number: (305) 375-1634

Term of Engagement: 2005-Present

Appropriations Projects:

- \$1,000,000 for Senior Congregate Meals
- \$125,000 for Pop-Up Satellite Storefront Pet Adoption Center
- \$3,000,000 for South-Dade Trail

Substantive Policy Issues:

Vote By Mail: Passed legislation to change the term absentee ballot to vote by mail.

IDEA Program: Supported legislation that would create the Miami-Dade Infectious Disease Elimination Program. The program allows residents to exchange used needles for clean ones in order to abate the spread of the HIV-AIDS virus and other blood borne infections.

Statuary Hall: Supported legislation to nominate a historical figure to represent Florida in Washington D.C.'s statuary hall.

Banning K2/Synthetic Marijuana: Supported legislation to ban the synthetic drug, K2 (commonly known as synthetic marijuana). This drug posed a health risk to the youth in Florida and we were able to gain quick support from nearly every member of the legislature.

Elections: Amended elections reform bill to include language that gave the Supervisor of Elections discretionary power to determine the hours of operation of early voting sites. This amendment changed previous laws which required early voting to occur between 7am and 7pm.

Residential Mortgage Fraud: Supported legislation relating to fraudulent activity during the mortgage lending process becoming a third-degree felony. The bill unanimously passed both houses and was approved by the Governor.

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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Contact: Jack Hitchcock

Email: Fsusgapresident@admin.fsu.edu

Number: (850) 449-8021

Term of Engagement: 2007 – Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$7,000,000** Honorably Discharged Veteran Assistance Program
- **\$1,500,000** Renovation of the Black Student Union House at the Florida State University
- **\$500,000** Student Veterans Center
- **\$200,000** Housing at FSU for Boys and Girls State
- **\$23,492,086** Interdisciplinary Research Commercialization Building (IRCB)
- **\$30,500,000** College of Business

Substantive Policy Issues:

Emergency Opioid Antagonist: Requiring each Florida College System institution and state university to have a supply of emergency opioid antagonists in certain residence halls.

Tax-Free Textbooks: Supported the inclusion of an exemption for textbooks in the overall tax package.

Campus Carry: Opposed legislation permitting guns on college and university campuses.

Bright Futures: Supported an amendment to higher education legislation that provided for the full funding of Summer Bright Futures for Florida Academic Scholars. Opposed legislation that would make Bright Futures awards subject to student enrollment in specific disciplines and subject to the General Appropriations Act.

Hazing: Supported legislation protecting students from intentional harm caused by an organization for the purpose of entry.

Excess Credit Hours Surcharge: Supported an increase in excess credit hours from 110% to 120% of the degree, before the student is required to pay a surcharge.

Alcohol Overdose Reporting Amnesty: Supported legislation exempting an individual who seeks medical assistance during an emergency situation with an alcohol-related overdose from legal ramifications.

Tuition Waivers: Supported legislation providing a “buy one get one free” tuition and fee waiver for students enrolled in STEM programs. Supported legislation providing one free course, and a 25 percent discount on tuition and fees for remaining courses, in an online baccalaureate degree program to veterans, active-duty military servicemembers, and non-traditional students.

CITY OF ORLANDO

Contact: Kyle Sheppard

Email: kyle.sheppard@orlando.gov

Number: (407) 246-2295

Term of Engagement: 2012 – Present

Appropriations Projects:

- **\$600,000** Florida Children’s Initiative (Orlando to receive \$200,000)

Substantive Policy Issues:

Discretionary Sales Surtax: Supported an amendment that would allow municipalities like the City of Orlando to levy a discretionary sales surtax.

Vacation Rentals: Worked with local delegation to defeat legislation that would preempt the State regulation of vacation rentals.

Zoning: Supported local legislation which expanded access for special alcoholic beverage licenses for restaurants in described areas.

We believe that all our local government clients will affirm that PLG has always been ready and responsive when tasked with any project or challenge these entities face. Our recent and past successes, as described in this response, highlight our ability to secure wins for our clients on a continual, timely basis and in the high-pressure environment that is Florida’s Legislative Session.

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DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

The undersigned bidder in accordance with Florida Statute 287.087 hereby certifies that

Pittman Law Group, P.L.

does:

(Name of Bidder)

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for the drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this bidder complies fully with the above requirements.

Sean Pittman

08/05/2024

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

Sean Pittman

Owner

PRINT NAME

TITLE

E-VERIFY CERTIFICATION FORM

If awarded:

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to: 1) the Contractor shall register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the Contractor during the term of this Agreement; and 2) the Contractor shall expressly require any subcontractors performing work or providing services pursuant to this Agreement to likewise register with and use the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the work authorization status of all new employees of the subcontractor during the term of this Agreement. Section 448.095, Florida Statutes, states the statute must be construed in a manner that is fully consistent with any applicable federal laws or regulations, and therefore this section does not apply to this Agreement to the extent that this section would be inconsistent with any federal laws or regulations that are applicable to this Agreement.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this bidder complies fully with the above requirement.

Sean Pittman

08/05/2024

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE

Sean Pittman

Owner

PRINT NAME

TITLE

PROHIBITION REGARDING FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN

In accordance with Section 287.138, Florida Statutes, beginning January 1, 2024, the City of Gainesville (CITY) may not accept a bid on, a proposal for, or a reply to, or enter into, a contract with an entity (Bidder) which would grant the Bidder access to an individual's personal identifying information unless the Bidder provides the City with an affidavit signed by an officer or representative of the Bidder under penalty of perjury attesting that the Bidder does not meet any of the criteria in paragraphs (2)(a)-(c):

- a) The Bidder is owned by the government of a "foreign country of concern" (People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity of significant control of such foreign country of concern);
- b) The government of a "foreign country of concern" (listed above) has a controlling interest in the Bidder;
or
- c) The Bidder is organized under the laws of or has its principal place of business in a "foreign country of concern" (listed above).

AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida

County of Leon

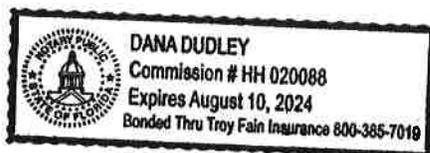
Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Sean Pittman, who, after being first duly sworn, deposes and says of their personal knowledge the following:

- 1. I am the Owner (title) of Pittman Law Group, P.L. (Bidder).
- 2. I attest under penalty of perjury that the Bidder does not meet any of the criteria in Section 287.138(2) (a)-(c), Florida Statutes, stated above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of August, 2024, by Sean Pittman (name of affiant), who is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification, and did take an oath.

Dana Dudley (name of notary)
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
08/10/2024



REFERENCE FORM

Name of Bidder: Pittman Law Group

Provide information for three references of similar scope performed within the past _____ years. You may include photos or other pertinent information.

#1 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2022 to 12/2023): 1/2004 - Present

Company Name: Palm Beach County Government

Address: 301 N. Olive Avenue

City, State Zip: West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Contact Name: Kasey Denny

Phone Number: 954-495-6333

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: Kdenny@pbc.gov

#2 Year(s) services provided (i.e. 1/2022 to 12/2023): 1/2009 - Present

Company Name: City of Riviera Beach Government

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