

# *Memorandum*

## **Housing Finance Authority**

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**TO:** Rodney S. Fischer, Chairman  
and Members of the Housing Finance Authority

**FROM:** Richard J. Perkins  
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**THROUGH:** Anthony M. Jones  
Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Selection of Bond Counsel

**DATE:** May 1, 2007

**Recommendation:** I recommend that the Board retain the firm Bryant Miller and Olive as bond counsel and authorize the staff to enter into fee negotiations with Bryant Miller and Olive for such services.

**Background:** In March the Board authorized the staff to initiate a Request for Letter of Interest for bond counsel. The Board also appointed one of its members to serve on a committee made up of staff to make a recommendation of bond counsel for the Board to consider. Certain of the Authority's professionals served as advisors to the committee.

The letters were sent to the top 15 bond counsel firms in the nation and the Authority received four responses. The committee unanimously selected Bryant Miller and Olive as the top firm and the remaining three firms were tied for second.

Thank you.