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Item #24

AN ORDINANCE **96588**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE FREE TRADE ALLIANCE SAN ANTONIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio was an integral part in the creation of the Free Trade Alliance San Antonio ("Free Trade Alliance") in 1994 following the approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and, since its inception, the City Council has annually designated funds from the International Affairs Department budget to support the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Free Trade Alliance was created as an organization that constitutes a broad community network for the purpose of promoting San Antonio as the center of international trade; and

WHEREAS, other partners that have joined the City in its support of the Free Trade Alliance are the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation, the San Antonio Water System, and the Bexar Metropolitan Water District; and

WHEREAS, this year's contract with the Free Trade Alliance supports the City of San Antonio's commitment to promote San Antonio as a center of international trade and to increase international business activity and ensures that the Free Trade Alliance will continue to lead in the development of 1) Inland Port San Antonio; and 2) an integrated marketing program to promote San Antonio as an International Trade Center; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. A Professional Services Contract with Free Trade Alliance San Antonio in the amount of \$150,000.00 is hereby approved for a one-year term commencing October 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. The City Manager, or her designee, is hereby authorized, for a 45-day period following the effective date of this ordinance, to execute such Professional Services Contract. A copy of said document, executed by Free Trade Alliance San Antonio, is attached hereto as Exhibit I.

SECTION 3. Funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 are authorized to be encumbered in Fund 11-000000 (General Fund) in Index Code 428219 entitled "Free Trade Alliance" and are made payable to the Free Trade Alliance San Antonio.

SECTION 4. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific index codes and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2002.



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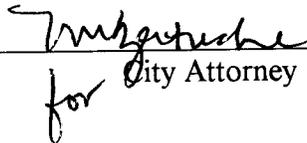
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



for City Attorney