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Full amounts paid by Arizona public entities to lobbyists over the two-year congressional session ending last month won't be available until February. But records for the first 18 months, January 2005 to June 30, 2006, show that:

- The state Department of Transportation paid about \$235,000 to the Washington lobbying firm of McKenna, Long & Aldridge LLP, even as Gov. Napolitano's administration maintained its full-time lobbyists at a contracted salary of about \$115,000 a year at the nation's capital.
- Phoenix has paid about \$360,000 to the Washington firm of Murray, Montgomery & O'Donnell to lobby on energy, transportation and water-related budget issues.
- Phoenix Transit Systems has paid about \$120,000 to C2 Group in Washington to focus on transportation appropriations and light-rail matters.
- Valley Metro/RPTA has paid about \$120,000 to Denny Miller Associates to lobby on a transportation-related appropriation bill and provisions.
- The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, an independent agency, has paid about \$160,000 to Strategic Impact Inc. of Washington to lobby on formula reform on Clean Water Act allocations.

Also paying for lobbyist work during the 2005-06 session were Sierra Vista, Mesa, Chandler, Scottsdale, Marana, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University, Salt River Project, Santa Cruz Water and Power Districts Association, Tucson Water Department, University of Arizona, and a number of tribal governments and health care organizations.

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