



Legislation Text

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Request for Proposal (RFP) City of Gainesville Disparity Study (B)

This item involves a request for the City Commission to approve the staff ranking of proposals relating to the City of Gainesville's Disparity Study.

The City of Gainesville is seeking to ensure equity in its procurement. The City currently operates a small business program that includes outreach, training, education, direct solicitation of bids, and price preferences for certified small businesses. The City's Procurement department released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on December 3, 2020, with the intent to select a qualified firm to provide professional services in conducting a disparity study.

The selected firm will be responsible for assisting the City with assessing whether there are disparities between the utilization of minority- and women-owned businesses (MBEs and WBEs) in City procurement and the availability of MBE/WBEs even with the small business program in place.

Funds were reserved from the Office of Equity and Inclusion Budget in the amount of \$300,000. The total cost for the study is \$298,550

The City Commission: 1) approve staff's recommended ranking of the firms; and, 2) authorize the Office of Equity and Inclusion designee to negotiate and execute a contract and any related documents with Griffin & Strong P.C. subject to approval from the City Attorney as to form and legality.