



Legislation Text

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Request for Proposal (RFP) Staff Ranking City of Gainesville, FL - Inclusionary Housing Program Development and Exclusionary Zoning Study (B)

On August 31, 2020, the City Commission requested that staff begin the development of an inclusionary zoning program and a review of potential exclusionary zoning provisions contained within the City's Land Development Code. The referral was part of a multi-part motion intended to further the City's equitable development goals through a variety of policy and programmatic strategies.

To that end, staff prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) that was released by the City's Purchasing Division on December 14, 2020. A diverse staff evaluation team reviewed proposals from two (2) entities that submitted consistent with the City's procurement regimen. The number one ranked firm, HR&A Advisors, Inc. has prior experience working on similar projects including Detroit, MI and New Orleans, LA. Staff is recommending the following ranking of the 2 firms:

1) HR&A Advisors, Inc.

2) Tindale Oliver

Strategic Connection:

Goal 1 of the City Commission's Strategic Plan concerns advancing efforts to make Gainesville a more equitable community. Additionally, the Commission identified development of affordable housing strategies as their top priority for their 2020-2021 policy agenda.

The bid award amount proposed by HR&A Advisors, Inc. is \$200,000.

The City Commission: 1) approve staff's recommended ranking of the firms; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate a contract and any related documents with HR&A Advisors, Inc. subject to approval from the City Attorney as to form and legality; and, 3) return to the City Commission for final review and approval of the contract.