

Internal M/WBE Waiver Request Form

Date: Department:

Contact Name & Phone:

Contract Name and Number (if applicable):

A waiver of the M/WBE participation requirement may be requested by the **Originating Department** at least 5 business days **prior** to advertisement or solicitation. In detail below, please explain your reason for requesting a waiver (attach RFP & supporting documentation as necessary).

Final approval of the request will be made by the City Manager's Office.

The Water Resources Department is requesting a waiver of the M/WBE Program Plan because we believe the extraordinary and necessary requirements of the contract render application of the Program Elements impractical.

As part of the sampling required under EPA's Third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3), the City of Greensboro (COG) has detected perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS) at concentrations that warrant further investigation in finished water during the last three quarters of 2014. Because of the public health concerns and the potential for future regulation, the COG desires to complete an investigation to ascertain potential sources of PFOS, confirm concentrations of PFOS and other perfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) such as ingredients in fire fighting foams in the water supply watershed, and evaluate treatment options that may be considered in the future. Proposed professional services addresses these goals, and includes background data analysis, sampling plan development and sample collection/analysis services; data analysis and reporting; pilot scale study; and PFOS treatment analysis.

Services will be provided by HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas (HDR), a Water Resources Department on-call consultant along with HDR's technical services subconsultant, North Carolina State University (NC State). Dr. Pete D'Adamo, HDR, and Dr. Detlaf Knappe, NC State, will serve as key technical resources throughout the duration of the project. Each has extensive technical expertise and recognized qualifications for this type of project.

Given the specialized nature of the project scope, public health concerns, and the potential for future regulations, HDR is requesting a waiver for M/WBE participation. The extraordinary and necessary requirements of the contract render application of the M/WBE Program Elements infeasible or impractical.

This waiver request refers to the proposal dated 7/31/15 by HDR with a value of \$143,921.00

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The M/WBE Office supports the waiver request. Please submit any comments below.

1. The extraordinary and necessary requirements of the contract render application of the Program Elements infeasible or impractical. **Please explain in detail. (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)**

2. The nature of the goods or services being procured are excluded from the scope of this Program Plan.

Please check one of the exclusions below: (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)

- Contracts that are subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program;
- Sole Source: the required supplies or services are available from one responsible source
- Contracts for electricity or water and sewage services from a municipal utility district or governmental agency;
- Emergency contracts for goods or supplies;
- Contracts for the City's lease or purchase of real property where City is lessee or purchaser; and

3. Sufficient qualified M/WBEs providing the goods or services required by the contract are unavailable in the Relevant Market area of the project despite every reasonable attempt to locate them. **Please explain in detail the reason for the request: (Attach RFP & supporting documentation as necessary)**

The M/WBE Office does not support the waiver request. Please explain in detail the reason for not supporting the request: (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)

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The CMO Office approves the waiver request

The CMO Office does not approve the waiver request.