

Internal M/WBE Waiver Request Form

Date: 9/29/2016 Department: Fire

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Contract Name and Number (if applicable): Interlocal Agreement with the County of Guilford and the City of High Point for a Contract

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 City of Greensboro is entering into an interlocal agreement with Guilford County and the City of High Point. Greensboro has no direct link with the vendor and all purchasing is handled by Guilford County.

In 2010, Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, and the City of High Point utilized Homeland Security Grant funding to create the GEANI (Guilford Emergency Notification and Information) system, to provide seamless notifications to residents within Guilford County for public safety alerts. From 2010 to 2014, Homeland Security Grant funds were used to maintain and support the system. In 2014, Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, and City of High Point entered into an inter-local agreement to share the ongoing maintenance costs of the system (County Contract 36460-04/14-064). The current system infrastructure is now outdated and no longer supported by the vendor, requiring a substantial upgrade of hardware and ongoing maintenance costs.

The notification system was competitively bid through Guilford County Purchasing under event #533 for a software as a service. Based on the procurement process, the Everbridge Unified Critical Communications Suite was chosen as the most responsive vendor that met the requirements set forth by the participating agencies. This proposed system will be able to provide emergency and non-emergency notifications to residents, businesses, and employees in a coordinated manner without the need for local hardware costs. Additionally, non-public safety agencies will be able to use the system to communicate with customers on issues such as water outages, changes in garbage collection days, interruptions in service, press release distribution, and employee notifications. The system will include the ability for agencies to upload customer databases, employee databases, and a portal for individuals to opt-in for notifications on cell phones, text message, e-mails, or voice calls.

The inter-local agreement will replace County Contract 36460-04/14-064 with Guilford County and the City of High Point and sets the cost sharing mechanisms and governance structures for system implementation, maintenance, and use.

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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)

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Contracts that are subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program;

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Sole Source: the required supplies or services are available from one responsible source

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Contracts for electricity or water and sewage services from a municipal utility district or governmental agency;

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Emergency contracts for goods or supplies;

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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)**

There are no certified M/WBEs in the Greensboro MSA available to provide the service due to the specialty nature of the work involved with this contract.



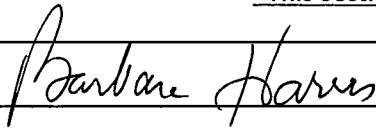
The M/WBE Office does not support the waiver request. Please explain in detail the reason for not supporting the request: (Attach supporting documentation as necessary)

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The CMO Office approves the waiver request



The CMO Office does not approve the waiver request.