

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT # 2017-10469 TO GRIFFIN & STRONG, P.C. FOR THE 2017  
M/WBE DISPARITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro solicited the services of a qualified and experienced consultant to conduct an M/WBE and DBE disparity study;

WHEREAS, a disparity study determines whether there is a factual basis for the existence of the City Council's adopted M/WBE Program Plan;

WHEREAS, the disparity study will examine M/WBE and DBE availability in the Greensboro marketplace to determine whether there is statistical disparity between the availability of M/WBE and DBE firms and the utilization of such firms by the City of Greensboro;

WHEREAS, the current council adopted program is based on a disparity study that examined City contract data and City contracting practices during the five-year period from 2006 through 2010;

WHEREAS, the upcoming disparity study will review and analyze data from 2011 through at least 2015 with an expected completion date of December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS, legally-based recommendations for updates to the current council adopted M/WBE Program Plan will be provided to the City following the completion of the disparity study;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Executive Department and M/WBE Office, the Centralized Contracting Division released a Request for Proposal solicitation in the online Greensboro Electronic Procurement System (GePS), Event #8302;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the current council adopted M/WBE Program Plan, the proposals were reviewed by an evaluation panel that included M/WBE staff;

WHEREAS, the Centralized Contracting Division and Executive Department concur in their recommendation to award this contract to Griffin & Strong, P.C.;

WHEREAS, the Griffin & Strong, P.C. plans to use several Greensboro M/WBE firms for sub-contracting opportunities on the project;

WHEREAS, the contract is for a fixed cost in the amount of \$299,320; funding for the project is available in fiscal year 2016-17.

WHEREAS, to complete this process, two budget adjustments are required to a) move funding into the MWBE account, 101-0208-01.5413 and b) move current Water Resources funds into their business section account, 501-7011-01.5413.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That Council hereby authorizes Contract #2017-10469 to Griffin & Strong, P.C. for the 2017 MWBE Disparity Study.