Thursday, November 19, 2009

Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 35

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional service agreement with Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., Austin, TX, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000, for legal counsel related to the City's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program (MBE/WBE).

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Small and Minority Business Resources Department.

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of a professional service agreement with Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., Austin, TX, for legal counsel related to the City's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Program (MBE/WBE).

Attorney Lino Mendiola at Andrews Kurth, L.L.P., has provided the City with legal counsel and advice relating to the City's MBE/WBE program for over a decade. Mr. Mendiola is a recognized legal expert on issues of public procurement and MBE/WBE programs. This action will allow the City to receive his specialized legal counsel and advice relating to the City's MBE/WBE Program.