

RESOLUTION
MBE/WBE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CITY OF AUSTIN TEXAS

SMBR & EGRSO SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS

Having studied the issue of funding provided by the City to various service providers in the City, and after discussing the issue at a public meeting and receiving public comment, the Committee recommends the following to City Council:

1. There is a disparity in funding among service provider contracts administered by SMBR (minority trade contractor associations) and those administered by EGRSO (UT Professional Development Center and several local chambers of commerce); and there should be an increase in funding for the minority trade contractor associations based on a graduated scale of yearly increases throughout the life of the service agreement, with the agreements having a minimum term of 3 years, with 1 year options; and

2. City staff or a third party should study the overlap of services provider contracts administered by SMBR and EGRSO taking into account the audience each provider currently serves, to include consideration of cultural, language, time, day of the week, frequency, and length of classes offered; and coordination of service providers by SMBR and EGRSO, minority participation on contracts and for third party agreements where applicable; and

3. The interlocal cooperation agreement proposed between the City of Austin and University of Texas at Austin regarding small business training scheduled to be heard by City Council on April 26, 2012, be funded through September 30, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00, in order to allow for classes to proceed throughout the summer.

THIS Resolution has been approved by the MBE/WBE Advisory Committee this 19th day of April 2012.