



**Interlocal Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 32
AGENDA DATE: Thu 04/07/2005
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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of Interlocal Agreements with Travis County and Capital Metro for their participation in the focus groups and public hearings component of the "second generation availability study" regarding minority-owned and women-owned procurement programs, in an amount of \$15,000 to be paid to the City by both Travis County and Capital Metro.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Small and Minority
DEPARTMENT: Business Resources

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: 10/07/2004-Council approved the professional services contract with Colette Holt & Associates for the "second generation availability study."

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of Interlocal Agreements with both Travis County and Capital Metro for their participation in the "second generation availability study" regarding minority-owned and women-owned procurement programs. The Council previously approved a professional services agreement with Colette Holt & Associates to conduct the study.

The "second generation availability study" will address issues regarding the disparity between M/WBE usage in the private and public sectors. The study will also produce information that will assist the City to ensure that its procurement program is properly designed and based on the market conditions that exist within our marketplace.

The proposed studies to be provided to the City will examine disparities in business formation, business owner earnings, and wage/salary earnings in the private sector between women, racial and ethnic minorities, and non-minorities in the U.S., Texas, and the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area. The studies will review utilization of MBEs/WBEs by local jurisdictions without established programs.

The study will include program input from both M/WBEs and non-M/WBEs by conducting focus groups and public hearings to collect anecdotal evidence about their experiences, successes and difficulties in obtaining prime contracts and subcontracts in the Austin area. This Interlocal Agreement will allow Travis County and Capital Metro to participate in the focus groups and public hearings components of the study to be conducted by the consultant, Colette Holt. Each entity will pay \$15,000 to the City to participate in the jointly conducted focus groups and public hearings.