

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CAPITOL REGION COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments was awarded a \$125,176.00 grant from the Economic Development Administration of the United States Department of Commerce to conduct the 2018 update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the purpose of which is to conduct a situational assessment of the region, develop a limited number of "game changer" strategies, and assess the capacities necessary to implement the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA grant requires a \$125,176 match, which will be provided by CRCOG, the Metro Hartford Alliance, and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG is partnering with the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to coordinate the CEDS effort with the Metro Hartford Progress Points project; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG desires to retain an experienced economic development and strategic planning firm to support the work necessary to undertake this project; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG conducted a competitive solicitation to select the firm best suited to provide economic development, strategic planning, stakeholder outreach, and data analysis services;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the CRCOG Policy Board authorizes Lyle D. Wray, its Executive Director, to act on behalf of CRCOG in negotiating, entering into, and amending as may be necessary, a contract agreement for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 with the consulting services firm of Fourth Economy Consulting to carry out the professional services required by the Capitol Region Council of Governments.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board at its meeting on December 13, 2017. I further hereby certify that the above resolution has not been in any way altered, amended, or repealed, and is now in full force and effect.

Marcia Leclerc, Acting Chair

Capitol Region Council of Governments

Date