

TO: CRCOG Policy Board

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Environmental Services Contract for the MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program

DATE: February 24, 2021

CRCOG staff has completed a competitive solicitation for a firm to carry out professional environmental services required under the MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program. This program assists municipalities in conducting environmental assessments and remediation planning on sites that are suspected to have been contaminated by petroleum products and/or hazardous substances. Based on its evaluation, the Consultant Review and Selection Committee recommends that the CRCOG Policy Board authorize a contract between CRCOG and Fuss & O'Neill to provide professional environmental services to the Brownfields Assessment Program for a February 2021 through September 2023 contract period. A resolution authorizing Lyle D. Wray, CRCOG Executive Director, to negotiate and enter into a contract follows this memo.

Background Information on Consultant Selection Process.

The MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program is a program which has been operated by the Capitol Region Council of Governments since 2004. However, the program has been on hiatus intermittently (between 2013 and 2015, and again between 2017 and 2020) due to a lack of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funding support. In 2020, CRCOG was successful in obtaining new grant funding from EPA which enabled us to reestablish this program. CRCOG was required to conduct a competitive solicitation for professional environmental services due to receipt of \$300,000.00 in new grant funds for environmental assessment, reuse scoping, and remedial action planning. Fuss & O'Neill submitted a proposal in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP), and was evaluated along with the 12 other firms that responded to the RFP. Based on evaluation by a Consultant Review and Selection Committee, Fuss & O'Neill was determined to be the preferred consultant to provide licensed environmental professional services to the MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program under the new grant. The maximum amount available for consultant services is \$268,100.00.

We ask your favorable consideration of the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR
METROHARTFORD BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides grant funds for brownfield assessments and clean-ups; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments has received a \$300,000.00 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant to support the MetroHartford Brownfield Assessment Program, which assists municipalities in conducting environmental assessments and remediation planning on sites that have been contaminated by petroleum products and/or hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, such environmental assessments, remediation and reuse planning work will facilitate the remediation, redevelopment, and reuse of brownfield sites in the MetroHartford Region, and this work must be carried out by an experienced environmental services firm; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG conducted a competitive solicitation to select the firm best suited to provide environmental assessment, remediation planning, and reuse planning services to the MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program under EPA Grant #BF-00A00586-0;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRCOG Policy Board authorizes Lyle D. Wray, its Executive Director, to negotiate, execute, and amend all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with the environmental services firm of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. to carry out the professional services required by the MetroHartford Brownfields Assessment Program under the Grant #BF-00A00586-0 CRCOG/EPA Assistance Agreement, executed July 27, 2020.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board at its meeting on February 24, 2021. 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.

Lori Spielman, Secretary
Capitol Region Council of Governments

Date