

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ANNUAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) a \$2.3 Million Jobs Plus Initiative Program Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, there are funds allocated in the Jobs Plus Initiative Program Grant for the provision of case management and supportive services related to the implementation of the Jobs Plus program; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO issued Request for Proposals (RFP) Number 18-903-45 to procure a contractor for the Implementation of a Jobs Plus Initiative Program Grant at Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte on November 2, 2018 and received one (1) proposal on November 16, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO conducted an evaluation of the proposal submitted by Urban Strategies, Inc. and established the proposal as responsive with a total score of 91 out of 100; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO has successfully completed due diligence verification on Urban Strategies, Inc., and;

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to Urban Strategies, Inc. to provide services for Implementation of the Jobs Plus Initiative Grant to include, but are not limited to: Comprehensive Case Management, Service Coordination, Workforce Development, Employment and Job Training, Outreach Engagement, Tracking and Reporting, as well as Evaluation and Sustainability; in an amount not to exceed \$1,464,400.00.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans hereby approves the award of a contract and authorizes the Executive Director to execute a contract with Urban Strategies, Inc. to provide services for the Implementation of a Jobs Plus Initiative Grant at Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte Housing Communities, in an amount not to exceed One million four hundred sixty-four thousand, four hundred dollars (\$1,464,400.00), pursuant to Request for Proposals Number 18-903-45.

**Executed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018**

**APPROVAL:**



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**ALICE RIENER  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**December 12, 2018**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Board of Commissioners  
President Alice Riener, Commissioner Isabel Barrios,  
Commissioner Toni Hackett Antrum, Commissioner Sharon Jasper,  
Commissioner Debra Joseph, Commissioner Casius Pealer,  
Commissioner Kim Piper and Commissioner Lisha A. Wheeler**

**Through Gregg Fortner  
Executive Director**

**From: April Kennedy  
Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) Administrator**

**Re: Contractor for the Implementation of the Jobs Plus Initiative Grant at  
Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte Housing Communities  
(RFP # 18-903-45)**

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On July 23, 2018, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded HANO a \$2.3 Million Jobs Plus Initiative Program Grant. This grant funding is to assist HANO with the development of locally-based approaches to increase earnings and advance employment outcomes for public housing residents at Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte Housing Communities. The Jobs Plus grant will support initiatives to improve employment and earnings for public housing residents through supportive services such as case management, work readiness, employer linkages, job placement and financial literacy. There is also a component of the grant, known as Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard (JPEID) that will offset any rent increase due to rising earned income for Jobs Plus participants, removing a major disincentive to employment.

The Jobs Plus Initiative Grant term is 48 months with program implementation commencing on January 23, 2019. Therefore, HANO issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) on Friday, November 2, 2018 for the purpose of seeking qualified and experienced Contractors to provide program services for the implementation of a Jobs Plus Initiative Program at the Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte Housing Communities, pursuant to Request for Proposals Number 18-903-45.

Proposals were due on November 16, 2018. Urban Strategies, Inc. (USI) was the only respondent to the RFP. In accordance with the evaluation process outlined in the RFP, an evaluation committee was established to review the proposal. The Evaluation committee reached consensus with a score of 91 out of 100 total points.

Based on the Evaluation Committee's Score, it is recommended that approval be granted to award a contract to Urban Strategies, Inc. to provide program services for the Implementation of a Jobs Plus Initiative Program Grant at the Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte Housing Communities.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

### **Finance**

Finance confirmed that HUD has loaded the total grant award of \$2.3M into the Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS).

### **Procurement**

The Procurement Manager has certified that this procurement was conducted in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations and laws, and in accordance with HANO's procurement policy. The results of the due diligence indicate that the respondent is responsible.

### **DBE/WBE/Section 3**

The Section 3 / MWBE Program Coordinator has reviewed Urban Strategies, Inc. Employment, Training and Contracting Plans and finds them in accordance with HANO's Employment, Training and Contracting Policy.

HANO requests that the Board of Commissioners approve the award of a contract and authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with Urban Strategies, Inc. to provide services for the Implementation of a Jobs Plus Initiative Program Grant at Bienville Basin and Faubourg Lafitte Housing Communities, in a total amount not to exceed One million four hundred sixty-four thousand, four hundred dollars (\$1,464,400.00). This contract shall be for an initial period of two (2) years, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one year periods totaling 4 years. The option(s) shall only be exercised if Urban Strategies, Inc. has satisfactorily performed under the Contract.