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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 15, 2021

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FROM: Maribel Feliciano, Assistant Director **FELICIANO**
Office of Economic and Small Business Development

RE: **RFP No. GEN2123625P1 – External Audit Services
County Business Enterprise (CBE) Evaluation**

The Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised with a 25% CBE participation goal. Five (5) submittals were received and reviewed. The Office of Economic and Small Business Development (OESBD) has conducted a review of the vendors' CBE participation per the requirements of the RFP for this project. An overview is provided as follows:

The CBE Goal for this project: 25%

Met the CBE Requirements:

<u>Firms</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC (prime)		
HCT Certified Public Accounts and Consultants, LLC	CBE	<u>30%</u>
Total:		30%
Cherry Bekaert LLP (prime)		
Caballero Fierman Llerena + Garcia, LLP	CBE	<u>41.54%</u>
Total:		41.54%
Crowe LLP (prime)		
Caballero Fierman Llerena + Garcia, LLC	CBE	5%
BCA Watson Rice, LLP	CBE	<u>20%</u>
Total:		25%
Marcum LLP (prime)		
S. Davis & Associates, P.A.	CBE	<u>25%</u>
Total:		25%

Met the CBE Requirements (cont.)

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
RSM US LLP (prime)		
Anthony Brunson P.A.	CBE	24.92%
C Borders-Byrd CPA LLC	CBE	4.70%
	Total:	29.62%

Compliance Comments:

Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, Cherry Bekaert LLP, Crowe LLP, Marcum LLP, and RSM US LLP submitted CBE Letters of Intent (LOIs) that met or exceeded the recommended 25% CBE goal with their proposals. Therefore, Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, Cherry Bekaert LLP, Crowe LLP, Marcum LLP, and RSM US LLP are in compliance with the CBE program requirements of the solicitation.

CBE Compliance History:

The following is a report of the respondents' CBE compliance history for active and completed projects within the last five (5) years of the RFP opening date of December 6, 2021. OESBD cannot report CBE Compliance history of active projects for Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, Cherry Bekaert LLP, and Marcum LLP as they do not have active projects with CBE requirements within the last five (5) years of the RFP's opening date.

In terms of project history, OESBD can report a CBE compliance history for Crowe LLP and RSM US LLP of active or completed projects with CBE requirements exist within the last five (5) years of the RFP's opening date for these firms.

Crowe LLP has the following active/completed projects with CBE Goals:

Project Name	Project Number	Amount Paid to CBE Firms
Independent Audit Services	R0761007R1	\$184,260.00

RSM US LLP has the following active/completed projects with CBE Goals:

Project Name	Project Number	Amount Paid to CBE Firms
External Audit Services (New Contract)	R2112554P2	\$840,618.78

Source: ALTS and MURs

cc: Jed Shank, Audit Manager, County Auditors
 Shawn Gannon, Small Business Development Specialist, OESBD