

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2013**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-18**

**WHEREAS**, HANO contracted with the Black Men of Labor (BMOL) to provide Community Engagement Consultant Services in conjunction with the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) grant in the CNI neighborhood bounded by Rampart St., St. Bernard Ave., Broad St., and Tulane Ave.; and

**WHEREAS**, during this current contract period, Black Men of Labor have demonstrated their ability to build trust with grassroots and community-based groups in the neighborhoods surrounding the Iberville development and their established presence and relationships with the people and businesses in the neighborhood, which is critical to the success of the redevelopment and transformation of the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO's current contract with BMOL expires in June 2013 but provides for two optional one-year extensions; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO requires additional community engagement consultant services to enhance and expand its CNI efforts in the Iberville/Tremé neighborhood as the implementation of the CNI program progresses; and

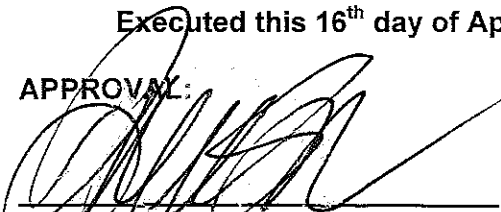
**WHEREAS**, these additional services include neighborhood assessment and mapping, graphics, media, and technical assistance, and community engagement project management; and

**WHEREAS**, HANO proposes to amend the BMOL contract to include these services, and to structure it as a task order contract with HANO having the option to order specific tasks and levels of effort for each task as needed. This amendment would be in effect for the final two one-year extensions of the contract.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans authorizes the Administrative Receiver to negotiate and execute an amended contract with the Black Men of Labor to increase the contract amount from \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$505,000 to provide HANO with enhanced community engagement consulting services in conjunction with the New Orleans Choice Neighborhoods Initiative and the transformation of the CNI neighborhood.

Executed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

APPROVAL:



**DAVID GILMORE  
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**April 16, 2013**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: David Gilmore  
Administrative Receiver**

**From: Maggie Merrill  
Senior Advisor to the Administrative Receiver**

**Re: Amendment to Community Engagement Consultant Contract for the  
Iberville Revitalization Initiative**

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Black Men of Labor (BMOL) is currently providing Community Engagement Consultant services to the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) for the Iberville Revitalization Initiative. BMOL is a respected group that has developed broad relationships and support in the Iberville/Tremé/Lafitte neighborhood, and has built community relationships and trust in support of HANO and the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI). Their current contract with HANO expires in June 2013 with two optional one-year extensions.

As the implementation of the CNI program progresses, HANO requires additional community engagement consultant services to enhance and expand our CNI efforts in the Iberville/Tremé neighborhood. These services include neighborhood assessment and mapping, graphics, media, and technical assistance, and community engagement project management. In addition, BMOL will bring on additional team members to spearhead these activities. This amended contract would be structured as a task order contract, with HANO having the option to order specific tasks and levels of effort for each task as needed. This amendment would be in effect for the final two one-year extensions of the contract.

It is hereby requested that approval be given to negotiate and execute an amended contract with Black Men of Labor to increase the contract amount from \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$505,000 to provide HANO with enhanced community engagement consulting services in conjunction with the New Orleans Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, and the transformation of the CNI neighborhood.

**WALK-ON ITEM**  
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