

Finance and Budget Committee

Meeting date: August 6, 2025

Agenda Item #: 5

Discussion of a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with OV Consulting, LLC, to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan project in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Agenda item type: Action item

Summary

A request to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with OV Consulting, LLC, to provide consulting services to support DRCOG's East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan project. This project was awarded through the Livable Centers Set-Aside Program. The contract amount is not to exceed \$125,000 over a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Background

The Livable Centers Set-Aside is a program identified in the Fiscal Year 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program established to assist regional partners as they plan for ways to enhance and increase livability in connected multimodal centers in the Denver region. A total of \$2.5 million is available in the set-aside over the four-year period of the Transportation Improvement Program. DRCOG signed a contract with CDOT in October 2024 to receive \$1.25 million for the first two years of the Livable Centers Set-Aside.

The first solicitation of Livable Centers Set-Aside project proposals was conducted during the fall of 2024. Seven projects were identified for funding based on evaluation criteria that was adopted by the DRCOG Board of Directors in March 2023. The DRCOG Board of Directors approved the final selected list of projects for the set-aside at their December 2024 meeting. The purpose of the East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan project is to deliver a plan to enhance livability near the Dry Creek Light Rail Station.

In June 2025, DRCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit services from firms with experience in leading small area planning projects involving land use and zoning analysis, transit-oriented development, community engagement, and coordination with stakeholders.

DRCOG received two proposals, both of which were reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel. The panel included subject matter experts from DRCOG's Regional Planning and Development team and contracting team, as well as the City of Centennial's Community/Economic Development team and Public Works team.



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Based on the selection panel's evaluation, DRCOG staff recommend the Finance and Budget Committee authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with the preferred consultant, OV Consulting, LLC.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None

Recommendation

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract with OV Consulting, LLC, to provide urban planning consulting services for DRCOG's East Midtown Centennial Small Area Plan project in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a period of 12 months from the date of contract execution.

Attachment

Draft resolution

For more information

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