



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of the Standard Service Provider Contract Between San Juan County and Hansen Planning Group for the San Juan County Economic Mobility and Opportunity Project. Mack McDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Make a motion approving the Agreement

SUMMARY

San Juan County issued a Request for Proposal on October 3, 2023, seeking a consultant or firm to provide contracted services to assist San Juan County in the creation of an Economic Mobility Report and materials in support of the grant funding requirements. During the process, San Juan County received one proposal that was a proposal to create a business plan. A business plan proposal and items that were not in compliance with the RFP requirements disqualified the proposal as a responsive proposal. Staff then reached out to another firm after receiving no responsive proposals to our solicitation and were recommended to Hansen Planning Group who is willing to provide the services established in the Scope of Work of the RFP.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Back in April of 2023, the Commission accepted the Economic Mobility and Opportunity Cohort Grant Award of \$35,000 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation directed by the International City/County Management Association. The proposed Our overall goal is to improve the diversification in government sector jobs here in San Juan County. This project will establish a clear path for Native Americans to become educated on opportunities that exist for employment in government sector jobs at an early age in anticipation that those students will make it a goal of being employed by the government sector careers which in the end will also increase the ethnic diversity in key leadership roles and careers here in San Juan Count. Through stakeholder events at the local community schools, we will work to discover hidden barriers to entry for government sector jobs for Native Americans in San Juan County.

The efforts of this study and implementation plan will take multiple years to reach the final goal but if we begin these implementation efforts at a high school and collegiate level then those graduates have an idea of how they can help their communities by joining these local workplaces and government positions that typically pay higher wages that the main tourism industry.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$150 per hour not to exceed \$50,000.