

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
DBE Participation Recommendation Form
Professional Services Notification per Chapter 42

County Contract/Project Manager: Rebecca M. Janz, Personnel Review Board Administrator

Date: January XX, 2014

Building: Courthouse Room No. 212 Phone: (414) 278-5293

Fund: 00001 Agency: 112 Org No. 1120

Work/Project Description (Scope)

Independent Legal Counsel Attorney Gerardo H. Gonzalez, of Gonzalez, Saggio and Harlan Law Offices, 111 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1000, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Government Funding (State, Federal)? Yes _____ No X If Yes, Type/Dept.

[State or Federal (i.e. UMTA, DOT, FAA, etc.)]

Is Project/Contract: New X Existing _____ Amendment _____ Continuing _____ Extension _____ Non-Profit Y/N
N

If Non-profit, please provide confirmation of Non-Profit Agency

<u>Estimated Amount</u>	<u>Recommended DBE Participation (*)</u>
<u>\$ 80,000.00 in 2015</u>	<u>0%</u>

Subcontracting Opportunities (List SIC/NAICS codes - see DBD-012PS A form)

No subcontracting

RFP will be used (Yes/No) No Advertising Date: _____ Proposal Due Date:

County Board Approval No County Board Committee:

(*) A Zero (0%) percent total requires a WAIVER. If Waiver is requested, please provide a detailed explanation and have the Department/Division Head sign below

The Personnel Review Board (PRB) hired disadvantaged business attorneys and maintained contracts with County DBE attorneys from 1996 to 2005. After that time, the DBE vendor merged her office with that of the law firm of Gonzalez Saggio and Harlan LLP. This law firm was on the County's DBE list until it was removed due to its size. Although the firm is no longer disadvantaged, it is still a minority enterprise, being minority owned and controlled, having a staff which is diverse and representative, and having a commitment to minority representation in its staffing and operation. The law firm is a federally registered minority enterprise. The PRB has maintained a successful relationship with the law firm for a number of years and would, for the sake of continuity and their ongoing knowledge of the PRB operation, like to continue to retain them. Additionally, the law firm is providing the county with a substantially discounted rate.

Although the PRB has a 0% total, when combined with the other entities that share space, labor, supplies, and materials with the PRB (the Civil Service Commission and Ethics Board), the office as a whole meets the 17% DBE goal, as both the Civil Service Commission and Ethics Board utilize DBE firms. We believe the intent of the MBE/DBE goals for minority representation are being met by this office. For these reasons, we ask that a waiver be granted to the Personnel Review Board with the understanding that the Ethics Board and Civil Service Commission will utilize MBE/DBE law firms.

Department/Division Administrator

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(CBDP OFFICE USE ONLY) Indicate Determination and Return Copy to Writer

Concur with Recommendation: _____, or provide the following goal: _____ %

The contract is exempt from the DBE goal: Yes _____ No _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____