

DATE : November 16, 2016
TO : Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
FROM : Scott B. Manske, Comptroller
SUBJECT: **Amendment to the Agreement for Bond Counsel Services**

Background

In March 2014, Milwaukee County entered into an agreement with Quarles & Brady, LLP (“Q&B”) to provide bond counsel services to the Office of the Comptroller (Office) through December 31, 2016. Crump Law Firm serves as co-bond counsel and is a certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

The Office issued a Request for Proposals for Bond Counsel Services on September 21, 2016. The Office anticipated entering into a three-year professional services agreement (2017-2019) and anticipated including options for three one-year extensions.

The RFP was advertised in the Daily Reporter and the Bond Buyer. The RFP was also noticed via the County’s e-notify system.

The Office only received a single response to its RFP, which was from the incumbent (Quarles & Brady). The response included a commitment to DBE with the current DBE (Crump Law Firm).

It is the desire of the Office of the Comptroller and Q&B to further amend the agreement to extend the term of the agreement until the latest of (a) December 31, 2018, or (b) such time as the work on financings in progress on December 31, 2018 is completed, or (c) such time as the County Board takes further action designating bond counsel, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The Office anticipates issuing another RFP for Bond Counsel Services in 2018.

Recommendation

The Office of the Comptroller, recommends adoption of the attached resolution, which amends the agreement between the County and Quarles & Brady to extend the term of the agreement until the latest of (a) December 31, 2018, or (b) such time as the work on financings in progress on December 31, 2018 is completed, or (c) such time as the County Board takes further action designating bond counsel, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the agreement.



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