



COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Authority to grant DBE waivers is vested in CDBP, in accordance with Federal regulations, 49 CFR, Part 26, and Milwaukee County Ordinances, Chapters 42 and 56.30. Completion of this form is required before a request for a DBE waiver can be approved. Thank you.

Please complete the following information:

Department Requesting Waiver: MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Department Contact Person & Phone Number:

WILLIAM R. LETHLEAN, PUBLIC SAFETY FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR (414) 278-5345

Type of Contract Service (Service being provided & name of vendor/provider):

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - LEGAL SERVICES  
LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A.T. WHITCOMB

Required Contract Amount and

Term: \$149,999 EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 2014

Rationale for Waiver Request (Why you are recommending no DBE participation?):

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Additional information:

A) What do you recommend directly or indirectly to include DBE participation?

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B) If DBE participation is not possible, is there a way to improve future equal employment opportunities?

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C) Can DBE participation be included in other contracting areas related to this project?

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## **WAIVER REQUEST**

Attorney Michael Whitcomb is a local Milwaukee Attorney-at-Law and has specialized in State of Wisconsin Municipal Law since 1978. A DBE waiver is requested since Attorney Whitcomb is a unique source of legal services and advice for the Milwaukee County Sheriff regarding the constitutional authority and mandated responsibilities of the Milwaukee County Sheriff. Attorney Whitcomb's specialty in law precludes him from the opportunity to engage local law firms with a DBE component to assist him in these matters. Other DBE law firms with expertise in this specialized area of municipal law are unknown at this time.

### **Additional information:**

#### **A) What do you recommend directly or indirectly to include DBE participation?**

For future needs in specialized municipal law it may be necessary to publish an RFP that extends over and outside the metropolitan area to locate law firms with DBE components.

#### **B) If DBE participation is not possible, is there a way to improve future equal employment opportunities?**

Attorney Michael Whitcomb maintains a small law firm with limited potential to provide equal employment opportunities related this particular specialty of law offered.

#### **C) Can DBE participation be included in other contracting areas related to this project?**

It may be possible for Attorney Whitcomb to engage the services of a DBE firm if he would expand his practice into other areas of law where he may require additional expertise.