

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BROWNE BORTZ & CODDINGTON INC., D/B/A BBC RESEARCH & CONSULTING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND, TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$430,026.00), TO CONDUCT A DISPARITY STUDY FOR THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Disparity Study conducted for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, will determine if there is a legal need to create Minority and/or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) conscious programs to provide the maximum practicable opportunity for increased participation in City contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the Study will ensure that City contracting practices do not discriminate in employment and services when the City procures goods and services from the private sector; and,

WHEREAS, Request for Qualifications No. 2218 issued for a Disparity Study, and of the seven (7) bids received, it was determined that Browne Bortz & Coddington Inc., d/b/a BBC Research & Consulting, was the most qualified response to the request for a cost of Four Hundred Thirty Thousand, Twenty-Six Dollars (\$430,026.00), plus applicable taxes and fees, and includes a 10% contingency if needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into contract with Browne Bortz & Coddington Inc., d/b/a BBC Research & Consulting, to provide a Disparity Study for the City of Little Rock for a total amount not to exceed Four Hundred Thirty Thousand, Twenty-Six Dollars (\$430,026.00), plus applicable fees and taxes.

Section 2. Funding for this study is available in the Disparity Study Special Project Fund, Account No. 108129-S10C518, and includes a 10% contingency, if needed.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 4. Repealer. All resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

1 **ADOPTED: December 5, 2023**

2 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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5 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

6 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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9 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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