



RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 08-14

PATRON: G. Mark Gibb, Executive Director
DATE: February 28, 2008

AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FAIR HOUSING SERVICES

WHEREAS, in 1997, members of the Commission suggested that jurisdictions work together to develop a pilot regional fair housing testing program; and

WHEREAS, through Resolutions 97-49, 98-19, 98-26, 00-15, and 05-26 NVPDC (and later NVRC) received proposals and negotiated subcontracts with fair housing vendors for fair housing testing and related services; and

WHEREAS, the current contract resulting from Resolution 00-15, first negotiated in 2000, subsequently amended via Resolution 05-26, and renewed the maximum number of times specified in the contract, has enabled four Northern Virginia localities to purchase hundreds of fair housing rental, sales, and lending tests at pre-negotiated regional prices; and

WHEREAS, through the purchase of services available in the regional contract, member local governments have also been able to accomplish other fair housing requirements associated with the receipt of HUD funds, such as analyses of home mortgage loan data and analyses of fair housing impediments.

WHEREAS, this unified approach to fair housing enforcement in the region, together with the efforts of other member local governments with pre-existing fair housing testing/enforcement programs has led to greater understanding and adherence to federal fair housing rules by rental agencies, property management firms, and realtors throughout the region;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to issue a regional RFP for contractual fair housing services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizes the Executive Director to evaluate bids received in response to the RFP in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act, and to negotiate and execute requirements contracts for the provision of fair housing testing and related services from the bidders deemed acceptable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should future circumstances arise in which member local governments require additional types of contractual fair housing services that are not known at the time of development of the RFP resulting from this resolution, the Executive Director would be authorized to issue additional RFPs without subsequent Commission action; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that contracts negotiated with acceptable offerers as a result of this or other RFPs not obligate the Northern Virginia Regional Commission or its member jurisdictions to purchase any service or specific amount of services.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on February 28, 2008.

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G. Mark Gibb, Certifying Officer