

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
777 North Capitol Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002-4290**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GREEHAN, TAVES, PANDAK & STONER, PLLC, FOR ONGOING LEGAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the law firm of Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC (GTPS), which specializes in representing localities and other public entities, was retained in 2010 to provide legal services to COG; and

**WHEREAS**, GTPS has successfully provided all needed legal services, including both routine services and more complex support when required; and

**WHEREAS**, a review has been conducted of COG's legal services requirements over the past four contract years, as well as future legal services needs, including individual project support, particularly in the area of homeland security, and this review has also considered the potential for a permanent staff legal counsel;

**WHEREAS**, this review concluded that the current contract services approach continues to best serve COG's current needs, but the existing contract warranted revision to provide the necessary level of retainer compensation, as well as authorize additional services through a revised time and materials section; and

**WHEREAS**, COG will continue to assess the need for a permanent staff legal counsel at least annually;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director, or his designee, is authorized to execute a new contract with Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner, PLLC, for legal services, for the period April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, with a retainer fee of \$15,000 per month plus expenses for April – June, 2014, and \$16,000 per month plus expenses beginning July, 2014 through June, 2016; said contract will include additional services covered under the time and materials section of the contract. Funding for this contract is provided through COG's indirect cost allocation plan, the member services program in COG's adopted work program and budget, and reimbursement under individual project agreements.

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the COG Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on March 12, 2014.***

***Monica Beyrouti  
Clerk to the Board of Directors***