

Resolution R-2 2016
January 13, 2016

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COG TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR GLOBAL CITIES INITIATIVE
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 22 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the COG Board of Directors and Region Forward Coalition adopted a focus on Economic Competitiveness for policy makers, planners and business leaders to collectively address; and

WHEREAS, the Global Cities Initiative is a \$10 million, five-year project of Brookings and JPMorgan Chase aimed at helping the leaders of metropolitan America strengthen their regional economies by becoming more competitive in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Global Cities Initiative is built on the concept that the global economy is a network of metropolitan economies which are home to most of the world's population, production, finance, and sources of innovation. Combining Brookings' deep expertise in fact-based, metro-focused research and JPMorgan Chase's longstanding commitment to investing in cities; and

WHEREAS, the initiative will provide the region with proven, actionable ideas for how to expand the global reach of their economies, building on best practices and policy innovations from across the nation and around the world while creating an international network of leaders intent upon deepening trade relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors at its November 12, 2015 meeting authorized (Resolution R78-2015) the Executive Director to collaborate with partners in the private, academic, and civic sectors to submit an application to participate in the Global Cities Initiative.

**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 enter into a contract not to exceed \$56,500 with Robert Sweeney to serve as Managing Director, Global Cities Initiative as well as planning support for supporting regional joint trade missions through October 31, 2016. Funding will be provided using identified funds from the FY 2016 and FY 2017 budgets.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of
Directors Executive Committee on December 21, 2015 and was ratified by the COG Board of
Directors on January 13, 2016.**

Monica Beyrouti
Clerk to the Board of Directors