

## **Authorizing a First Amendment to the Personal Services Contract with Lynx Insights and Investigations, Inc., and Reporting on Results Achieved under Original Contract**

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# **Scope of Work and Background**

- **Locate as many as individuals as possible who may not be aware they are eligible for a COP certificate**
- **5,893 households were displaced; over 12,200 individuals**
- **Obtain current contact information for individuals who were displaced in the 1960's and 1970's**
- **Build off Keane's 2009 work**

# **Consultant Selection Process**

- **Request for Proposals was released in December 2020**
- **Consultant to locate and provide current contact information for individuals displaced by SFRA action**
- **The three teams most responsive were interviewed**
- **Lynx and NCLF scored highest by interview panel**

## **Lynx Team Results**

- **Created a press release and website to engage with COP holders.**
- **Searched records of displacees with and without birth dates and social security numbers.**
- **Hired and trained individuals from impacted communities to complete the direct contact work.**
- **Obtained current contact information for 456 displacees and obtained contact information for 617 descendants.**

## **Lynx Team Results cont.**

- **One quarter (3,025) of the total number of the identified displacees were “located.”**
- **The located group totaled three subcategories:**
  - **Contacted (456 individuals): confirmed updated contact information.**
  - **Located – Non-Responsive (211 individuals): individuals did not respond to outreach efforts.**
  - **Deceased (2,358 individuals): confirmed through database searches, obituaries and discussions with family members.**

## **Lynx Team Results cont.**

- **Three quarters (9,206) of the total number of the identified displacees were “ not located.”**
- **The not located group totaled three subcategories:**
  - **Not Located After Investigation and Outreach (362): could not locate after exhausting investigative tools.**
  - **Investigative Lead Identified (2,124): possible current addresses and phone numbers were located.**
  - **Further Research Needed (4,261): a record-by-record manual database search would need to be completed to identify investigative leads.**
  - **Name Only (2,459): insufficient data was recorded for these displacees.**

## **Lynx Team Results cont.**

- **617 descendants of displacees were located and contact information confirmed.**
- **Descendants assisted in locating original displacees.**

# Project Challenges

- **The primary challenges included:**
  - **The length of time since original displacement.**
  - **Lack of personal identifying data (such as birth date and Social Security Number).**
  - **Length of time needed to obtain current contact information.**

# First Amendment

- **Original contract exhausted prior to exercising all investigative leads.**
- **Requesting:**
  - **An additional \$75,000 (for an aggregate total of \$304,570)**
  - **A four-month extension to locate individuals in the “Investigative Lead Identified” category.**
  - **Goal is to locate between 800-1,200 additional original displacees and 600-800 descendants.**

## Term

- **Begin work: February 2024**
- **Complete work: June 2024**
- **Report additional findings to OCII and MOHCD: June 2024**
- **Present findings to Commission: July 2024**

# **First Amendment and Transmittal of Contract Results**

**Questions / Comments**