UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION

VERSUS

No. 12-1924

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, Defendant **SECTION "E"**

ORDER

The City of New Orleans (the "City") and the United States of America (the "United States") (collectively, the "Parties") have filed a joint motion requesting that the Court enter the proposed Consent Decree Regarding the New Orleans Police Department as an Order of the Court.¹ The proposed Consent Decree requires a Consent Decree Court Monitor ("Monitor") to oversee and report on its implementation. The proposed Consent Decree further requires the Parties to select a mutually acceptable Monitor, subject to Court approval.

On September 6, 2012, the Court granted the United States' motion for leave to distribute a Request for Proposals ("RFP") requesting proposals from persons interested in serving as Monitor.² The RFP provides that "[o]nce [the Monitor is] selected and approved by the Court, the City will fix the relationship by Professional Services contract."³

Before the Court is the Parties' joint motion requesting that the Court, pending final approval of the Consent Decree, preliminarily approve the form of the Monitor's

¹ R. Doc. 2.

² R. Doc. 110.

³ R. Doc. 110-1 at p. 5.

Professional Services Agreement ("Agreement") so that it may be distributed to persons interested in serving as the Monitor.⁴

IT IS ORDERED that the motion be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order and the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A must be posted on the United States and City's websites and distributed to the list of potential respondents attached hereto as Exhibit B.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Parties shall distribute hard copies of the Agreement to persons who attend the pre-proposal conference, scheduled for **September** 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. CST in Room C-467, Fourth Floor, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The Court will distribute electronic copies of the Agreement to persons who notified the Court that they would attend the conference via telephone.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this <u>20th</u> day of September, 2012.

⁴ R. Doc. 121. The Court observes that the final form of the Agreement to be entered into between the Monitor and the City will reflect any amendments to the proposed Consent Decree that the Court may approve following the Fairness Hearing, changes necessary to cover compensation to be paid to the Monitor, or modifications otherwise deemed necessary by the Court.