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MINUTES GRANT REVIEW BOARD AUGUST 13, 1969

The Grant Review Board of the City of Atlanta met Wednesday, August 13, 1969, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Request for Proposal from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation in the Urban Information System project. The following persons were present at the meeting:

Members Dan Sweat, Chairman

Collier Gladin, Planning Director

Jay Fountain, Deputy Director of Finance

Others John Watson, Planner

Raymond Fleming, UrbanCorps Intern

Kenneth Gregor, Urban Observatory Coordinator

Mr. Watson explained that the RFP invites proposals for the research and development of a comprehensive, integrated municipal information system or subsystem. This is an experiment to learn whether or not a prototype can be developed and successfully operated as a relatively standardized system which can be transferred to other municipalities with a minimum of alterations.

It is the intention of HUD to select one city in the population range 50,000 to 500,000 to award a \$2.5 million grant for the development of a comprehensive system and several cities will be chosen to receive lesser grants for development of individual sub-systems.

A detailed summary of RFP 2-70 is attached.

After much discussion, the Grant Review Board recommends the following:

- 1. That the City of Atlanta make application for the \$2.5 million comprehensive system grant, provided the Mayor and Board of Aldermen commit adequate resources and assign high priority for the project.
- 2. That the responsibility for preparation of the Grant application be lodged with the Data Processing Review Committee under the following conditions:
 - (a) That the Data Processing Review Committee be expanded to include qualified representatives from each city department, the School Department and the Administrative Staff of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and that an executive committee composed of those best

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qualified representatives of departments most affected by this project be chosen to guide development of the application. The project director for application development be recommended by this group and will report to it.

- (b) That this committee report to a joint committee of the Aldermanic Finance Committee and the Planning and Development Committee.
- 3. That the committee take immediate steps to accept proposals from interested software consulting firms and recommend a software firm to the Joint Aldermanic Committee.
- 4. That the committee establish immediate communications with the Urban Observatory through the City's Urban Observatory Coordinator to determine the interest of the Urban Observatory in participating in the Urban Information System project.

The Grant Review Board feels that this is an important opportunity for the City to obtain considerable federal assistance in developing an information system and that maximum effort should be put forth in an attempt to be selected as the comprehensive system city.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sweat

Chairman

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