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Griffin & Strong to Kickoff City of Tacoma Disparity Study *City of Tacoma welcomes community to informational meeting to identify barriers to small, disadvantaged, minority and women business participation in City contracting.*

TACOMA, WA – Griffin & Strong, P.C. (“GSPC”), an Atlanta based law and public policy consulting firm, is conducting the 2018 Disparity Study for the City of Tacoma, Washington. This study is designed to review the City’s procurement process and analyze its contract awards, including those to small, disadvantaged, minority, and women owned businesses. Analysis of the Tacoma Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Local Employment and Apprenticeship Program (LEAP) will also be conducted.

GSPC has also partnered with The Planning Studio, a local, small business enterprise, to complete community outreach and anecdotal interviews.

To kick off the Study, GSPC will be facilitating an informational meeting to discuss the study, its purposes, methodology, and ways the public and business community can be involved. The meeting will be held **October 19th from 6 PM – 7:30 PM at Tacoma Public Utilities, Room ABN-M1. The address is 3628 S. 35th St. Tacoma, WA 98409.**

The City of Tacoma and GSPC encourage and welcome the Tacoma community, including business owners, community groups, business organizations and local advocates, regardless of ethnicity, to attend and find ways to participate in this Study.

For more information, please contact GSPC Deputy Project Manager, Sterling Johnson, at TacomaStudy@gspclaw.com or sterling@gspclaw.com.

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