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Baltimore Police Monitoring Team Announces Opening of Application Period for Research Team to Conduct Community Survey

(Baltimore, MD) – The Baltimore Police Monitoring Team has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a research team to conduct a reliable, comprehensive, representative survey that assesses the Baltimore community's experience with and perceptions of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD). The community survey is required by BPD's Consent Decree with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). The selected team is expected to: (1) work with the Monitoring Team, BPD, DOJ, and community stakeholders to develop the survey methodology and survey instrument; (2) conduct the survey and (3) provide detailed analysis of the survey results in a public report.

The RFP is located at https://www.bpdmonitor.com/community-survey-rfp/. Completed applications should be submitted by e-mail to Deputy Monitor Seth Rosenthal at seth.rosenthal@bpdmonitor.com. Please include "Baltimore Police Survey Response" in the subject line of the email. Questions will be entertained by sending an email to Seth Rosenthal at the same e-mail address. All questions and responses will be posted on the Baltimore Police Monitor website http://www.bpdmonitor.com/.

The application period will be open through May 19. At the conclusion of the application period, all applications will be posted on the Monitoring Team's website for public comment. The public comment period will run for two weeks, from May 20 – June 4. Applicants will submit answers to community member questions by June 25. Selection will be made by July 9. Under the First-Year Monitoring Plan, available here, the survey will be conducted between September 15 and late October 30, after the survey methodology and instrument are designed.

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The Baltimore Police Monitoring Team oversees the implementation of the Consent Decree – a judicially-enforceable agreement – between the Baltimore City Police Department, the City of Baltimore and the United States. The Consent Decree requires BPD to adopt a number of specific reforms aimed at ensuring effective, safe, and constitutional policing. The Monitoring Team's job is to help the Court gauge whether, consistent with the Consent Decree's objectives, BPD is achieving meaningful reform by making tangible changes in its policies and practices for the benefit of Baltimoreans. The Monitoring Team also provides technical assistance to BPD as it seeks to implement the reforms required by the Consent Decree. The Monitoring Team includes specialists in policing and police reform, civil rights enforcement, psychology, social science, organizational change, data and technology, and community engagement.