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WHEREAS, the City of Newark is in need of Per Diem Attorneys to serve as Municipal Public Defenders to be assigned to cases in the Newark Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark desires to enter into a contract with **Hiram Lopez, Esq., Law Office of Hiram Lopez, 397 Bloomfield Avenue**, Newark, New Jersey 07107 to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court, Representing indigent defendants,

for an amount not to exceed **\$15,000.00**, for the period commencing **January 1, 2013** and terminating **December 31, 2013**; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for an amount under \$17,500.00 and therefore is not subject to State Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5); and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as a Professional Service pursuant to the provisions of the State Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Newark signed into law Executive Order Number MEO-07-0001 (hereinafter "(Pay-to-Play Executive Order)"), which requires reporting of political contributions to Newark Municipal Candidates and prohibits certain political contributions during the duration of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the State Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Mayor and/or his designee, the Chief Municipal Public Defender, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute a Professional Services contract with **Hiram Lopez, Esq., Law Office of Hiram Lopez, 397 Bloomfield Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07107**, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court, representing indigent defendants, for an amount not to exceed **\$15,000.00**, for the period commencing **January 1, 2013** and terminating **December 31, 2013**.
2. This contract is for an amount under \$17,500.00 and therefore is not subject to State Pay-to-Play Law N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5.
3. This contract is being awarded as a Professional Service pursuant to the provisions of the State Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) because service required must be performed by someone who is licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and is in compliance with Newark Executive Order MEO-07-0001, effective March 31, 2007.
4. This contract is being awarded as open ended contract under N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)(2), a certification of availability of funds shall be executed each time services are used and charged against contract.
5. The Chief Municipal Public Defender shall file a copy of the fully-executed contract herein authorized in the Office of the City Clerk and it shall be made available for public inspection.
6. A notice of this action shall be published in the newspaper authorized by law to publish a legal advertisement and as required by law within 10 days of its passage.

STATEMENT

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