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WHEREAS, the City of Newark is involved in ongoing legal matters and therefore has a need to acquire legal services; and

WHEREAS, legal services are professional services, exempt from the requirement for public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation Counsel of the City of Newark caused to be published on the City of Newark's website, a Notice of a Request for Qualifications for Labor/Employment Counsel Services on or about October 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark received a total of twelve (12) proposals in response to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, Mizrahi & Associates, LTD located at 523 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor, Orange, New Jersey 07050, submitted a proposal and it was found based upon price and other factors to be in the best interest of the City of Newark to accept the proposal for the purpose of providing legal services concerning Labor/Employment Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with Mizrahi & Associates, LTD, to provide legal services concerning Labor/Employment Matters, in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00), for a period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled Mizrahi & Associates, LTD as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that notice of the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bidding must be published in a local newspaper; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for an amount over \$17,500.00 and is being awarded as a fair and open contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, Mizrahi & Associates, LTD has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that Florio & Kenny, LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Newark in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Mizrahi & Associates, LTD from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; 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 Municipal Council adopted the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, , R.O. 2:4-22C, which forbids the award of a contract to a Business Entity, as defined therein, which has made or solicited political contributions to Newark Municipal and County of Essex Candidates, office holders having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract; candidate committees of the aforementioned candidates; and political or political party committees of the City of Newark or County of Essex; and continuing political committees or political action committees regularly engaged in the support of the City of Newark, municipal or County of Essex elections; and certain other political party or candidate committees, in excess of certain thresholds.

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 Corporation Counsel, are hereby authorized and

directed on behalf of the City of Newark to execute a contract with Mizrahi & Associates, LTD, located at 523 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor, Orange, New Jersey 07050, to provide legal services concerning Labor/Employment Matters in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Mizrahi & Associates, LTD as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.

2. The term of this contract shall be January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, for such matters that may arise during the contract term.
3. This contract is being awarded pursuant to the fair and open procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5) and pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)) and is in compliance with Executive Order MEO-07-0001, effective March 31, 2007 and the Business Entity has certified that it has not made or solicited a contribution in violation of the Contractor Pay to Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 2:4-22C.
4. This is a contract which shall be awarded in one fiscal year although the date on which it properly takes effect falls in the next fiscal year. Accordingly this contract is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the year in which it takes effect. N.J. Admin. Code 5:30-5.5(e). Funds for this contract in the amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 shall be provided from the City of Newark Budget, Law Department.
5. A copy of the executed agreement herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Corporation Counsel and 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 ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution.

STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into a contract for legal services for Labor/Employment Matters with Mizrahi & Associates, LTD, 523 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor, Orange, New Jersey 07050, in an amount not to exceed Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.