



# City of Newark

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## Legislation Text

File #: 20-1674, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Engineering

**Action:** (X) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** To negotiate contracts and handle litigation matters related to Small Cell Wireless Facility Permits.

**Entity Name:** Best, Best & Krieger, LLP

**Entity Address:** 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 4300, Washington, DC 20006

**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$150,000.00

**Funding Source:** Proceeds from applications received

**Contract Period:** September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

**Contract Basis:** ( ) Bid ( ) State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. ( ) EUS

( ) Fair & Open (X) No Reportable Contributions ( ) RFP ( ) RFQ

( ) Private Sale ( ) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) n/a

**Additional Information:**

The funding for this contract shall come from the proceeds that the City receives from applications from telecommunication companies for the installation and deployment of wireless and any associated wireline facilities, including small wireless facilities and facilities associated with 5G deployments within the City's public right of way.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark, Department of Engineering (the "City") is in need of Professional Legal Services to prepare legal documents and negotiate contracts with telecommunication carriers, as well as represent the City in any legal actions filed against the City pertaining to or resulting from installation and deployment of wireless and any associated wireline facilities, including in particular small wireless facilities and facilities associated with 5G deployments within the City's public rights of way (the "Professional Legal Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, Professional Legal Services are exempt from the requirements of public bidding pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Best, Best & Krieger LLP, located at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 4300, Washington, DC 20006, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$150,000.00), to provide the Professional Legal Services for a period of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 pursuant to a "Non-Fair and Open Process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, Best, Best & Krieger LLP, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification, which certifies that Best, Best & Kreiger LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or a candidate committee in the City of Newark in the previous one (1) year prior to award, and that the contract will prohibit Best, Best & Krieger LLP from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council adopted the Contractor Pay-to-Pay Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey Municipal Code § 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 Candidates 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 Director of the Department of Engineering, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to enter into and execute a contract with Best, Best & Krieger LLP, 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 4300, Washington, DC 20006, to prepare legal documents and negotiate contracts with telecommunication carriers, as well as represent the City in any legal actions filed against the City pertaining to or resulting from installation and deployment of wireless and any associated wireline facilities, including in particular small wireless facilities and facilities associated with 5G deployments within the City's public rights of way, for a period of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$150,000.00).

2. Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) regulations and under the Law, the City is entitled to recover reasonable costs incurred by the City to review applications received from telecommunication carriers for the installation and deployment of wireless and any associated wireline facilities, including in particular small wireless facilities and facilities associated with 5G deployments within the City's public rights of way.

3. The funding for this contract shall come from the proceeds that the City receives from the applications received by the City from telecommunication companies for the installation and deployment of wireless and any associated wireline facilities, including in particular small wireless facilities and facilities associated with 5G deployments within the City's public rights of way.

4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the performance of the service required will be performed by someone who is a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey.

5. This contract is awarded pursuant to the Non-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 the Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey, Municipal Code §2:4-22C.

6. This is an open-ended contract to be used as needed during the term of the contract. Thus, for any and all expenditures against this contract, a certification of the availability of sufficient funds, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)(2), shall be executed before a contractual liability is incurred each time work is requested from the Account Code Line set up by the Director of the Department of Finance under the Department of Engineering's budget.

7. A copy of the Political Contribution Disclosure Form and the Determination of Value letter are attached and shall be placed on file with the resolution in the Office of the City Clerk.

8. Best, Best & Krieger LLP, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certificate, which shall be placed on file with the resolution in the Office of the City Clerk, certifying that Best, Best & Krieger LLP has not made any reportable contributions to a political or a candidate committee in the City of Newark in the previous one (1) year, and the contract will prohibit Best, Best & Krieger LLP from making reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

9. This contract is ratified from September 1, 2020 until the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.

10. A copy of the fully executed contract herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Director of the Department of Engineering and shall be made available for public inspection.

11. There shall be no advance payments made against this contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.

12. 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 ratifies and authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, the Director of the Department of Engineering to enter into and execute a Professional Services Contract with Best, Best & Krieger LLP, located at 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 4300, Washington, DC 20006, to prepare legal documents and negotiate contracts with telecommunication carriers, as well as represent the City in any legal actions filed against the City pertaining to or resulting from installation and deployment of wireless and any associated wireline facilities, including in particular small wireless facilities and facilities associated with 5G deployments within the City's public rights of way, for a period of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2020 and terminating on August 31, 2021, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.