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City of Newark

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Legislation Text

Dept/ Agency: Office of the Mayor
Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending
Type of Service: Professional Service Contract
Purpose: Per Diem Public Defender Services
Entity Name: Ana R. Tolentino, Esq.
Entity Address: 41 Clifford Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304
Contract Amount: \$15,000.00
Funding Source: Office of the Mayor
Contract Period: January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013
Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS
() Fair & Open () No Reportable Contributions () RFP () RFQ
() Private Sale () Grant () Sub-recipient () n/a
Additional Information:

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 Ana R. Tolentino, Esq., 41 Gifford Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304, 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:

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- 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 Ana R. Tolentino, Esq., 41 Gifford Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey 07304, 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 Payto-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 the contract.
- 5. A copy of the executed agreement herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Chief Municipal Public Defender 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 and/or his designee, the Chief Municipal Public Defender, to enter into and execute a professional services contract with **Ana R. Tolentino**, **Esq.**, **41 Gifford Avenue**, **Jersey City**, **New Jersey 07304**, 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**.