



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

File #: 12-1912, Version: 2

Dept/ Agency: Office of the Mayor

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

Type of Service: Professional Service Contract

Purpose: Per Diem Public Defender

Entity Name: Law Office of Vito A. Mazza, LLC,

Entity Address: 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202

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 **Vito A. Mazza, Esq., Law Office of Vito A. Mazza, LLC., 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202**, 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 **Vito A. Mazza, Esq., Law Office of Vito A. Mazza, LLC., 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202**, 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 between the City of Newark and Vito A. Mazza, Esq. is hereby ratified from January 1, 2013 through the date of the adoption of this authorizing resolution.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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

This resolution ratifies and authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, the Chief Municipal Public Defender, to enter into and execute a professional services contract with **Vito A. Mazza, Esq., Law Office of Vito A. Mazza, LLC., 630 Third Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202**, 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**.