



# City of Newark

City Hall  
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Newark, New Jersey 07102

## Legislation Text

File #: 18-0193, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Law

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

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** Bond Counsel Services

**Entity Name:** Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP.

**Entity Address:** Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666

**Contract Amount:** An amount not to exceed \$200,000.00

**Funding Source:** City of Newark Bond Note Proceeds

**Contract Period:** January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

**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:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark as the largest municipality in the State of New Jersey faces novel issues on a daily basis and has a need to acquire bond counsel legal services; and

**WHEREAS**, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP (DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin), Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666, is a law firm with diverse practice and specific expertise in issues involving municipal government and submitted a proposal to provide bond counsel legal services and it was found, to be in the interest of the City of Newark to accept the proposal for the purpose of providing Bond Counsel Legal Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Acting Corporation Counsel wish to enter into a contract with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, to provide Bond Counsel Legal Services in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Acting Corporation Counsel has determined and certified in writing that the value of this contract will exceed \$17,500.00; and

**WHEREAS**, this Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an exception to public bidding, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., requires a Resolution of the Governing Body authorizing the award of contracts for professional services and further requires that the contract itself must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, the actions contemplated by this Resolution shall result in the award of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*; and

**WHEREAS**, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole, & Giblin, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Newark in the previous one year, and the contract will prohibit Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole, & Giblin, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; 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 public bidding must be published in a local newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council adopted the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, 6PSF-a, August 1, 2012, 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, 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 of the City of Newark and his designee, the Acting Corporation Counsel, are authorized to execute a contract with Decotiis Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666, to provide legal services concerning Bond Matters in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.
2. The contract is ratified from January 1, 2018 to the date of adoption.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as an exception to public bidding pursuant to the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)*), professional services, pursuant to the non-fair and open procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law (*N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*), 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 2:4-22C.
4. This Contract is paid from Bond and Note proceeds on a percentage basis after Bonds and Notes are sold and after receipt of the funds from the sale by the City. This is also an open-ended contract to be used as needed during the term of the contract. Thus, for those expenditures not covered by Bond and Note proceeds, certification of the availability of sufficient funds, as required by *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b)(2)*, shall be executed before liability is incurred each time a service is requested. If operating under a Temporary Budget, the City shall comply with *N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(a)(1)* and (2).
5. The Determination of Value and Business Entity Disclosure Certification are attached and will

be filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

6. A copy of the executed agreement herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Acting Corporation Counsel and 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 ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution.

### **STATEMENT**

This resolution ratifies and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and his designee, the Acting Corporation Counsel, to enter into a contract with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 31, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666, to provide Bond Counsel Legal Services in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$200,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.