



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

File #: 12-1071, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Law

Action: Ratifying Authorizing Amending

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: Special Counsel in Worker's Compensation Matters

Entity Name: Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, PC

Entity Address: 300 Harmon Meadow Boulevard, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

Contract Amount: \$250,000.00

Funding Source: City of Newark Budget/Law Department/Open-ended

Contract Period: June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013

Contract Basis: Bid State Vendor 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 involved in ongoing legal matters and therefore has a need to acquire legal services; and

WHEREAS, legal services are professional services and are exempt from the requirements for 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 of Newark issued a Request for Qualifications for Workers' Compensation Services on or about November 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark received a total of three (3) proposals in response to its request; and

WHEREAS, Chasan, Leyner and Lamparalleo, PC, with offices located at 300 Harmon Meadow Boulevard, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, 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 Workers' Compensation Matters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with Chasan, Leyner & Lamparello, PC to provide legal services concerning Workers' Compensation Matters in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) at a blended hourly rate of One Hundred Thirty-Five (\$135.00) Dollars for a period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, PC, 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, 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.

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/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to execute a contract with Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, PC, located at 300 Harmon Meadow Boulevard, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, to provide legal services concerning Workers' Compensation Matters in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) at a blended hourly rate of One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$135.00), for the period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.
2. 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.
3. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies its authorization of this contract from June 1, 2012 to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.
4. 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 an order is placed, covering the amount of the order.
5. A copy of this resolution and 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 and execute a contract with Chasan Leyner & Lamparello, PC, located at 300 Harmon Meadow Boulevard, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094, to provide legal services for Worker's Compensation Matters in an amount not to exceed Two hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) at a blended hourly rate of One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$135.00) for the period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, which shall cover existing matters, as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.