



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services as Special Tax Counsel to Increase Contract Amount by \$40,000.00

Entity Name: Nowell, P.A.

Entity Address: 155 Polifly Road, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601

Contract Amount: \$90,000.00

Funding Source: 2016 Budget/Law Department

Contract Period: January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

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:

Contract Awarded, Resolution 7R7-b adopted on March 8, 2016.

Increasing Contract Amount by \$40,000.00, not to exceed \$90,000.00.

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 Municipal Council of the City of Newark, by Resolution 7R7-b, adopted on March 8, 2016, awarded a contract to Nowell, P.A., 155 Polifly Road, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, to serve as Special Tax Counsel for four (4) matters that were currently being handled by Nowell, P.A., during the contract term, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the contract was awarded in compliance with Local Public Contracts Law, and through the fair and open process of State Pay-to-Play, and in compliance with Ordinance 2:4-22C; and

WHEREAS, Nowell, P.A., currently has outstanding legal bills for 2016 and pending tax appeal cases, which will exhaust the total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding legal bills for 2016 require an increase in the total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, Nowell, P.A., represents that at least an additional Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00), is necessary for it to continue to provide legal services through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the requested increase in the total contract amount is deemed reasonable and necessary to pay for legal services provided through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the increase of an additional Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00), brings the total contract to an amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) , for January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016; 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, the Municipal Council adopted the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 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, 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 Corporation Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services with Nowell, P.A., 155 Polifly Road, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, for legal services provided through December 2016 as Special Tax Counsel for an additional Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00), for a total contract amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$90,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, to cover outstanding bills.
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies this first contract amendment from February 1, 2016 to the date of the adoption of this resolution.
3. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same.
4. This First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services is made in accordance with the professional services exception to public bidding in the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)*), and pursuant to the Non-Fair and Open Procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law (*N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*) and is in compliance with City of Newark Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, 6PSF-a adopted on August 1, 2012.
5. The funds for this First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services shall be paid from the City of Newark Budget/Law Department, after the issuance of a Certification of Funds from the Chief Financial Officer, which states that funds in the amount of Forty Thousand (\$40,000.00), are available in the aforementioned Law Department budget. The Certification of Funds shall be filed along with the original resolution in the Office of the City Clerk.

6. A copy of the executed First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the 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 hereby ratifies, amends and authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into and execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Nowell, P.A, 155 Polifly Road, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, to Provide Legal Services for Special Tax Counsel legal services for an additional Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00), for a total contract amount not to exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$90,000.00).