



City of Newark

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Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legislation Text

File #: 19-1602, Version: 2

Dept/ Agency: Office of the Mayor

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

Type of Service: Professional Service Contract

Purpose: To serve as Per Diem Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court representing Indigent Defendants.

Entity Name: Jason A. Dennis, Esq.

Entity Address: 331 Newman Springs Road, Bldg. #1, Suite 143, 4th Floor, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$17,000.00

Funding Source: 2020 Budget/ Office of the Mayor

Contract Period: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

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, legal services are professional services, exempt from the requirement for public bidding, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark desires to enter into a contract with Jason A. Dennis, Esq., 331 Newman Springs Road, Building #1, Suite 143, 4th Floor, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court, representing indigent defendants, for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020; 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. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark's Municipal Council adopted Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 2:4-22C, 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 authorized to enter into and execute a Professional Services Contract for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00 with Jason A. Dennis, Esq., 331 Newman Springs Road, Building #1, Suite 143, 4th Floor, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender representing indigent defendants before the Newark Municipal Court, for a period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.

2. 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.

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 the required service must be performed by someone who is licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and is in compliance with the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, R.O. 2:4-22C.

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 contract.

5. The contract between the City of Newark and Jason A. Dennis, Esq. shall be ratified from January 1, 2020 through the date of the adoption of this authorizing resolution.

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 ten (10) days of the adoption of this resolution.

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 Jason A. Dennis, Esq., 331 Newman Springs Road, Building #1, Suite 143, 4th Floor, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701, to serve as a Per Diem Municipal Public Defender for the Newark Municipal Court, representing indigent defendants for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020.