



City of Newark

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Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legislation Text

File #: 20-1450, Version: 1

Dept./ Agency: Law

Action: Ratifying Authorizing Amending

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Special Tax Matters.

Entity Name: Wisniewski & Associates, LLC

Entity Address: Sayreville, New Jersey 08872

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$50,000.00

Funding Source: 2021 Budget/Law Department

Contract Period: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

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 (the “City”) is involved in ongoing legal matters and therefore has a need to acquire Legal Services; 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 Corporation Counsel caused to be published on the City of Newark’s website a Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Special Tax Counsel Services on or about September 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark received a total of six (6) proposals in response to the RFQ for Special Tax Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, Wisniewski & Associates, LLC, of Sayreville, New Jersey 08872, submitted a proposal, which was found, based upon price and other factors, to be in the best interest of the City of Newark to accept for the purpose of providing Legal Services concerning Special Tax Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with Wisniewski & Associates, LLC, to provide Legal Services concerning Special Tax Matters, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), for a period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Wisniewski & Associates, LLC, 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 Municipal Council adopted the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey, Municipal Code § 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 and County of Essex 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/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, are authorized on behalf of the City of Newark to enter into and execute a contract with Wisniewski & Associates, LLC, of Sayreville, New Jersey 07601, to provide Legal Services concerning Special Tax Matters in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$50,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Wisniewski & Associates, LLC, as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.
2. The contract is ratified from January 1, 2021, to the date of adoption of this authorizing resolution.
3. 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 the City of Newark's Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey Municipal Code § 2:4-22C.
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(a), Temporary Budget, attached is the Chief Finance Officer's Certification, which states partial funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) are available in the 2021 Temporary Budget, the balance to be provided in the 2021 Adopted Budget. The Certification shall be filed, along with the original resolution and the executed contract in the Office of the City Clerk.
5. The Corporation Counsel shall file a copy of the executed agreement and certification of funds herein authorized in the Office of the City Clerk and the same 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 ratifies and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into and execute a contract for Legal Services for Special Tax Matters with Wisniewski & Associates, LLC, of Sayreville, New Jersey 08872, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.