



City of Newark

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Newark, New Jersey 07102

Legislation Text

File #: 13-2374, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: Litigation Collection Counsel Services

Entity Name: Glazer & Kamel

Entity Address: 1207 East Grand Street, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201

Contract Amount: On a contingent fee basis.

Funding Source: 2014 City of Newark Budget/Law Department

Contract Period: January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

Contract Basis: () Bid () State Vendor (X) Prof. Ser. () EUS

(X) Fair & Open (X) No Reportable Contributions () RFP (X) 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, the City of Newark issued a Request for Qualifications for Litigation Collection Counsel Services on or about September 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, eight (8) vendor packages were picked up for consideration for the Litigation Collections Counsel Services; and

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

WHEREAS, Glazer & Kamel with offices located at 1207 East Grand Street, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201, 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 Litigation Collection Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with Glazer & Kamel to provide legal services concerning Litigation Collection Matters, on a contingent fee basis, for a period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Glazer & Kamel, if any 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 public bidding must be published in a local newspaper; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for an unspecified amount and may be 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, Glazer & Kamel has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure Form, which certifies that Glazer & Kamel has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Newark in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit Glazer & Kamel from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; 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; 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 and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to execute a contract with Glazer & Kamel with offices located at 1207 East Grand Street, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201, to provide legal services concerning Litigation Collection Matters on a contingent fee basis, for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Glazer & Kamel as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.
2. The term of this contract shall be January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, for such matters that may arise during the contract term.
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 Executive Order MEO-07-0001, effective March 31, 2007 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, PSF-a, August 1, 2012.
4. This is a contract which shall be awarded in one fiscal year although the date on which it properly takes effect falls in the next fiscal year. Further, this contract shall be awarded on a contingent fee basis. Certain litigation expenses will be charged against the City of

Newark Budget.. Nonetheless, if necessary, this contract is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the year in which such payment would take effect. New Jersey Administrative Code 5:30-5.5(e).

5. A copy of 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 for legal services for Litigation Collection Counsel Services with Glazer & Kamel, 1207 East Grand Street, 3rd Floor, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201, on a contingent fee basis, for the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.