



## Legislation Text

File #: 18-1920, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Law

**Action:**  Ratifying  Authorizing  Amending

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** To provide legal services concerning Litigation Matters.

**Entity Name:** Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti, LLP

**Entity Address:** One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962

**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$25,000.00

**Funding Source:** 2019 Budget/Law Department

**Contract Period:** January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

**Contract Basis:**  Bid  State Vendor  Prof. Ser.  EUS

Fair & Open  No Reportable Contributions  RFP  RFQ

Private Sale  Grant  Sub-recipient  n/a

**Additional Information:**

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**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, 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 of the City of Newark caused to be published on the City of Newark's website, a notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Litigation Defense Counsel Services on or about September 10, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark received a total of fourteen (14) proposals in response to the RFQ for Litigation Defense Counsel Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP, One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962, 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 for the purpose of providing Legal Services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP, to provide Legal Services concerning Litigation Matters, in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$25,000.00), for a period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, which shall cover 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 execute a contract with Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP, One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 to provide Legal Services concerning Litigation Matters in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$25,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, which shall cover 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 the City of Newark's Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey Municipal Code § 2:4-22C.
3. 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. Accordingly, this contract is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the year in which it takes effect. New Jersey Administrative Code 5:30-5.5(e). Funds for this contract in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 shall be provided from the City of Newark 2019 Budget, Law Department.
4. 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.
5. 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 a contract for Legal Services for Litigation Matters with Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, LLP, One Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07962 in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$25,000.00), for the period of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.