



## Legislation Text

File #: 19-1161, Version: 1

**Dept/ Agency:** Economic and Housing Development

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

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** To provide Planning Consulting Services, specifically the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Port Industrial Area.

**Entity Name:** Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC

**Entity Address:** 1700 Market Street, Suite 2800, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$100,000.00

**Funding Source:** Community and Economic Development Fund

**Contract Period:** One (1) year from the date of issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development

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

( ) Fair & Open ( ) No Reportable Contributions (X) RFP ( ) RFQ

( ) Private Sale ( ) Grant ( ) Sub-recipient ( ) n/a

**Additional Information:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark, Department of Economic and Housing Development (the "City") advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Planning Consulting Services for the preparation of the City of Newark's Port-Industrial Area Redevelopment Plan (the "Project") on May 14, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. (the "LPCL"); and

**WHEREAS**, Planning Consulting Services are "Professional Services" exempt from the public bidding requirements pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i); and

**WHEREAS**, the City received a total of four (4) proposals in response to its RFP with a due date of June 4, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Wallace Roberts & Todd LLC, 1700 Market Street, Suite 2800, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 ("WRT"), a national interdisciplinary team of planners, urban designers, architects and landscape architects, submitted a proposal to the City of Newark, Department of Economic and Housing Development for Planning Consulting Services for the City of Newark's Port-Industrial Area Redevelopment Plan dated June 4, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, WRT's proposal demonstrated their extensive experience in urban design, master planning, sustainable economic redevelopment strategies for industrial land areas, and an overall capacity to handle the Project, and it was found to be in the best interest of the City of Newark to accept the proposal of WRT; and

**WHEREAS**, since it was determined that WRT is able to meet the City's needs, the City

wishes to enter into a contract with WRT in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00), for the period of one (1) year from the issuance of a Notice to Proceed; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 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 candidates 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 and/or his designee, the Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development, are hereby authorized to enter into and execute a contract with Wallace Roberts & Todd LLC, 1700 Market Street, Suite 2800, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, to provide Planning Consulting Services for the preparation of the City of Newark’s Port-Industrial Area Redevelopment Plan, for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance of the Notice to Proceed by the Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development.

2. The contract shall be for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$100,000.00).

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 Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey, Municipal Code § 2:4-22C.

4. Attached hereto is a Certification of Funds from the Finance Director of the City of Newark, which states that: (1) there are sufficient funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 in the Community and Economic Development Fund, for the purpose set forth herein above, and (2) the line appropriation which shall be charged is as follows:

<u>Business Unit</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Div./Proj.</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>Budget Ref.</u>	
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5. A fully executed copy of this contract, Certification of Funds, and Notice to Proceed shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development and shall be made available for public inspection.

6. There shall be no advance payments against this contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16.

7. There shall be no amendments or changes to this contract without the approval of the Municipal Council of the City of Newark.

8. A notice of the award 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**

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