



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: First Amendment to the Agreement to provide legal services concerning Litigation Matters.

Entity Name: Sciro & Marotta, P.C.

Entity Address: 66 Hamilton Street, Suite 103, Paterson, New Jersey 07505

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$42,500.00

Funding Source: 2019 Budget/Law Department

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

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

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

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

Additional Information:

Original Resolution 7R6-o adopted on December 19, 2018 awarded contract in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

The First Amendment will increase the contract amount by \$17,500.00, for a total a new contract amount not to exceed \$42,500.00.

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Newark, by Resolution 7R6-o, adopted on December 19, 2018, awarded a contract to Sciro & Marotta, P.C., 66 Hamilton Street, Suite 103, Paterson, New Jersey 07505, 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; and

WHEREAS, Sciro & Marotta, P.C., currently has outstanding legal bills for 2019 and pending litigation matters, which will exhaust the total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, Sciro & Marotta, P.C., continues to vigorously defend the City of Newark in several cases in which bills will be submitted for the remainder of the contract year; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding legal bills and open cases pending require an increase in the total contract amount; and

WHEREAS, Sciro & Marotta, P.C. represents to the City of Newark that at least an additional Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,500.00), is necessary for it to continue to provide legal services through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the requested increase in the total contract amount is deemed reasonable and necessary to pay the outstanding and anticipated legal bills through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the increase of an additional Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,500.00), which brings the total contract to an amount not to exceed Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$42,500.00), for January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019; 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 amendment was 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, 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 hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Newark to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services with Sciro & Marotta, P.C., 66 Hamilton Street, Suite 103, Paterson, New Jersey 07505, to continue providing legal services concerning Litigation Matters for an additional Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,500.00), for a total contract amount not to exceed Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$42,500.00), for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, to cover pending and existing matters.
2. The Municipal Council hereby ratifies this First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services from on or about July 1, 2019, to the date of the adoption of this resolution.
3. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same.
4. This First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services is made in accordance with the professional services exception to public bidding in the Local Public Contracts Law (*N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i)*), and pursuant to the Fair and Open Procedures of the State Pay-to-Play Law (*N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5*) and is in compliance with the Contractor Pay-to-Play Reform Ordinance, Newark, New Jersey, Municipal Code §2:4-22C.

5. The funds for this First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services shall be paid from the City of Newark Budget/Law Department, after the issuance of a Certification of Funds from the Chief Financial Officer, which states that funds in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,500.00), are available in the aforementioned Law Department budget. The Certification of Funds shall be filed along with the original resolution in the Office of the City Clerk.
6. A copy of the executed First Amendment to the Agreement to Provide Legal Services herein authorized shall be filed in the Office of the City Clerk by the Corporation Counsel and 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 hereby ratifies, amends and authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee, Corporation Counsel, to enter into and execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Sciro & Marotta, P.C., 66 Hamilton Street, Suite 103, Paterson, New Jersey 07505, to provide Legal Services for Litigation Matters for an additional Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$17,500.00), for a total contract amount not to exceed Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Zero Cents (\$42,500.00) , for the period of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.