



# City of Newark

City Hall  
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Newark, New Jersey 07102

## Legislation Text

File #: 22-0533, Version: 1

**Dept./ Agency:** Law

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

**Type of Service:** Professional Services Contract

**Purpose:** To provide legal services concerning Labor and Employment Matters.

**Entity Name:** Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, LLC

**Entity Address:** 4 South Orange Avenue, #139, South Orange, New Jersey 07079

**Contract Amount:** Not to exceed \$75,000.00

**Funding Source:** 2022 Budget/Law Department

**Contract Period:** January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

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

(X) Fair & Open ( ) 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**, 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**, on or about September 10, 2021, the City's Corporation Counsel caused to be published on the City of Newark's website, a Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Labor and Employment Matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark received a total of seventeen (17) proposals in response to its request; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, LLC, 4 South Orange Avenue, #139, South Orange, New Jersey 07079, 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 concerning Labor and Employment Counsel Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with the Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, LLC, to provide legal services concerning Labor and Employment Matters, in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00), for a period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by the Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, 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 is in compliance with State Pay-to-Play and the City's Pay-to-Play Ordinance.

**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 the Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, LLC, 4 South Orange Avenue, #139, South Orange, New Jersey 07079, to provide legal services concerning Labor and Employment Matters in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$75,000.00) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, which shall cover those existing matters currently being handled by Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, LLC, as well as new matters that may arise during the contract term.
2. The contract is ratified from January 1, 2022 through 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's Ordinance on Pay-to-Play.
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(a), Temporary Budget, attached is the Chief Finance Officer's Certification, which states available funds in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and Zero Cents (\$18,750.00), are available in the 2022 Temporary Budget, the balance to be provided in the 2022 Adopted Budget. The Certification shall be filed, along with the original Resolution and the executed contract in the Office of the City Clerk. For the purposes set forth herein and the line appropriations which shall be charged are as follows:

<u>Bus. Unit</u>	<u>Dept. ID</u>	<u>Div/Proj.</u>	<u>Acct.#</u>	<u>Bud. Ref.</u>
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5. The Corporation Counsel shall file a copy of the executed agreement herein authorized in the Office of the City Clerk 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 ratifies and authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into and execute a contract for legal services for Labor and Employment Matters with the Law Offices of Yvette Gibbons, LLC, 4 South Orange Avenue, #139, South Orange, New Jersey 07079, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.