



City of Newark

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Legislation Text

File #: 25-1626, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Law

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

Type of Service: Professional Services Contract

Purpose: To provide legal services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Matters.

Entity Name: Florio Kenny Raval LLP

Entity Address: 125 Chubb Avenue, South East 310-N, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071

Contract Amount: Not to exceed \$300,000.00

Funding Source: 2026 Budget/Law Department

Contract Period: January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

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 (the "City") 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 October 21, 2025, the City's Corporation Counsel caused to be published in Star Ledger, on the City of Newark's website, a Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Litigation Defense Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, Florio Kenny Raval LLP 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 Defense Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark wishes to enter into a contract with Florio Kenny Raval LLP to provide Legal Services concerning Litigation Defense Counsel Services, for an amount not to exceed **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00)**, for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, which shall cover existing matters currently being handled Florio Kenny Raval LLP and 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 \$53,000.00 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 the 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 execute a contract with Florio Kenny Raval LLP, 125 Chubb Avenue, South East 310-N, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071, to provide Legal Services concerning Litigation Defense Matters, for an amount not to exceed **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00)**, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, which shall cover existing matters currently being handled by Florio Kenny Raval LLP, and new 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's Ordinance on Pay-to-Play.
3. This is a Contract which shall be awarded for one (1) 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 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(e). Funds for this contract in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, shall be provided from the City of Newark's 2026 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 same 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 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Newark and/or his designee, the Corporation Counsel, to enter into a contract for Services for Litigation Defense Matters with Florio Kenny Raval LLP, 125 Chubb Avenue South East 310-N, Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071, for an amount not to exceed **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$300,000.00)**, for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.