RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY

RESOLUTION NO. 1610

DATE OF ADOPTION: JUNE 23, 2020

SUBJECT:

AWARD CONTRACT TO EDWARD TESTINO, ATTORNEY AT LAW FOR GENERAL COUNSEL FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020 AND TERMINATING JUNE 30, 2021

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION was presented by the Executive Director/Secretary at a Special Meeting held on June 23, 2020:

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway (the "Authority") needs the services of an Attorney or Law firm to act as the Authority's General Counsel for a 12 month period commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, General Counsel will not be responsible for the Authority's legal matters when it pertains to Tenancy Court nor provide legal services for bad debt collection resulting from Tenancy matters; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with the professional procurement requirements at 24 CFR 85.36 and HUD's PIH Notice 90-47, the Authority published a notice in the <u>Star Ledger</u> on June 9, 2020 (the "Notice"), advising Attorneys and Law Firms that they could request detailed requests for proposals (the "RFP") to provide legal services to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the following sources, notified of the RFP through the Notice and which requested an RFP were furnished the RFP:

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Edward Testino, Attorney At Law of Matawan, New Jersey Manfredi Law

; and

WHEREAS, the one (1) proposal in response to the RFP was opened at 3:00 PM, June 19, 2020 by the Executive Director and Housing Specialist and was ranked by the Authority's Executive Director in accordance with the evaluation system contained in the RFP, with the following proposal receiving the following score out of a maximum possible 100 points:

FIRM RATING

Edward Testino, Attorney at Law

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; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the rating and recommendation of the Executive Director, it is the conclusion that based on the proposal submitted by Edward Testino, Attorney At Law the selection of Edward Testino, Attorney At Law to provide Legal Services is in the best interest of the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, under Federal and State Procurement Laws especially with Professional Services the Authority has the right to negotiate an agreement with one respondent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate Officers of the Authority are authorized and directed to execute a contract providing for the hiring of Edward Testino, Attorney At Law to serve as the Authority's General Legal Counsel for a 12 month period commencing July 1, 2020 and terminating June 30, 2021 at a fee of \$20,520.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract has been awarded under the competitive proposal procurement procedures, as more fully described at 24 CFR 85.36 and PIH Notice 90-47, and as a "Professional Service" under New Jersey Public Contracts Law, was procured fulfilling all requirements under New Jersey "Pay to Play" rules & regulations.

COMMISSIONER Thomas-Petit made a motion to adopt the above resolution, which was seconded by **COMMISSIONER** Lesinski, and on a roll call vote the Ayes and Nays were as follows:

AYES NAYS ABSTAIN ABSENT
Gonzalez Thomas
Lesinski
Pekarofski
Ragan
Simon
Thomas-Petit

THE CHAIRPERSON thereupon declared Resolution No. 1610 adopted.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway adopted on June 23, 2020.

Jennifer Wenson Maier Executive Director/Secretary

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