

RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

TITLE:

RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSULTANT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Morris County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by resolution of the County of Morris (the "County"), State of New Jersey (the "State") and exists in good standing as a public body corporate and politic under and pursuant to all applicable law, including the county improvement authorities law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended from time to time (codified at N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq., the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11A-1 *et seq.* (the "Public Contracts Law") to enter into contracts as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, in combination with and for the County, created the Morris County Renewable Energy Program (the "Renewable Energy Program") which developed photovoltaic energy systems for certain local government buildings, parking canopy and other structures, and lands owned or controlled by local governments within and including the County (the "Renewable Energy Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to engage the services of a renewable energy consultant to act as an advisor to the Authority in relation to the Renewable Energy Program, for services including, but not limited to, (i) monitoring, reviewing and advising on the operations, management and budget of the Renewable Energy Projects; (ii) consulting on current and future New Jersey solar renewable energy credits ("SRECs") pricing; and (iii) evaluating and making recommendations to the Authority on timing of the SREC sales (collectively, the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 *et seq.*, an authority may not award contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity which has made reportable contributions in excess of \$300.00, in the aggregate, to the member municipality's political parties or to any candidate's committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the member municipality when such contract was awarded, unless said business entity is awarded a contract under a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposals (the "RFP") issued by the Authority on February 16, 2023 in accordance with the procedures of a fair and open process established by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, the Authority received proposals (each, a "Proposal") from Gabel Associates Inc. and Becht Engineering BT, Inc. (each, a "Respondent"), which Proposals are on file with the Authority; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Authority, after careful consideration of the Proposal, that the Proposal submitted by Gabel Associates Inc. (the "Selected Respondent"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, meets the Authority's needs for the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to appoint the Selected Respondent to provide the Services for a period of one (1) year, unless extended as permitted by law, at rates as described in the Selected Respondent's Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to authorize the Chairperson of the Authority to execute a contract with the Selected Respondent for the Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Authority as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Authority hereby awards the contract to perform the Services to the Selected Respondent for a term not to exceed one (1) year, unless extended as permitted by law at rates as described in the Proposal of the Selected Respondent (the "Contract").

Section 3. The Chairperson is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract with the Selected Respondent.

Section 4. Subject to the second sentence of this section, this resolution shall take effect immediately. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:37A-50, the Secretary of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to submit to each member of the Board of Freeholders, by the end of the fifth business day following this meeting, a copy of the minutes of this meeting. The Secretary is hereby further authorized and directed to obtain from the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders a certification from the Clerk stating that the minutes of this meeting have not been vetoed by the Director of the Board of Freeholders.

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Exhibit A

Proposal

MOVED/SECONDED:

Resolution moved by Commissioner _____.

Resolution seconded by Commissioner _____.

VOTE:

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Leary				
Ramirez				
Bauer				
Sandman				
Gallop				

This Resolution was acted upon at the Regular Meeting of the Authority held remotely on April 19, 2023 by audio and video in accordance with notice promulgated by the Authority in accordance with applicable law.

Attested to this 19th day of April, 2023

By: _____
Secretary of the Authority

FORM and LEGALITY:

This Resolution is approved as to form and legality as of April 19, 2023.

By: _____
Matthew D. Jessup, Member, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Counsel to the Authority
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