

Resolution No. <u>18-2022</u> Adoption Date Feb. 9, 2022

Sufficiency of Funds	Bibi Taylor
Form and Legality	David Minchelle

RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by Ordinance of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-55(t), the Authority is empowered to enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts and things necessary, convenient or desirable for the purposes of the Authority, subject to the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, there exists the need to for Financial Advisory Services for the period of February 9, 2022 through March 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a "fair and open process" conducted through a Request for Qualifications and by way of Resolution No. 14-2022, the Authority has approved a list of prequalified firms to provide Financial Advisory Services to the Authority, in which Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP is listed; and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 has agreed to provide the necessary services as outlined above in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 and consistent with the hourly rates outlined in their proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that a resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for professional services "without competitive bidding" be passed by the governing body and shall be advertised and be available for inspection by members of the public; and

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Yes/Aye	No-Nay	Abstain	Absent
David Barnett			X			
Steve Hockaday			X			
Terri Riley Hudak			X			
Andrea Mojica			X			
Ahmed Shehata	X		X			
Ricardo Sosa			X			
Scott Huff, Vice Chairman		X	X			
Christopher Kolibas, Chairman			X			



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WHEREAS, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because the services to be provided are in the field of finance requiring considerable training and specialized study:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Union County Improvement Authority a contract to Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP, Fair Lawn, NJ, is hereby awarded pursuant to a fair and open process, to provide financial advisory services for the period of February 9, 2022 through March 8, 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Authority is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate said contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this Resolution shall be published according to law.