



Resolution No. 72-2022
Adoption Date Nov. 14, 2022

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO
DIGROUP ARCHITECTURE FOR THE PREPARATION OF DESIGN BRIDGING
DOCUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED NEW UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, the Authority has been duly created by ordinance of the Union County Board of 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, the County and the Authority entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for the Authority to undertake a redevelopment project in order to meet the County's long-term occupancy requirements, specialized space and security needs for County owned properties for a new Union County Government Complex (hereinafter referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Authority to obtain revised bridging document services from an architect (hereinafter referred to as the "Services") to convey the design intent, scope and other performance-based requirements of the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the Authority undertook a fair and open process and advertised a request for qualifications for the provision of the Services; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2022 the Authority enacted Resolution No. 14-2022 which prequalified various vendors and firms to perform consulting and professional services for the Authority, including architectural services; and

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



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WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of engaging a pre-qualified firm to prepare new design bridging document services to reflect modified programming for the New Union County Government Complex; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will be utilizing the new Design-Build procurement process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-53 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the Design-Build process will be shorter, reduce the likelihood of work stoppages and change orders that can increase project costs;

WHEREAS, the Authority is permitted to hire a design professional for architectural services and provide technical advice, construction review services and professional expertise on behalf of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, DIGroup Architecture is pre-qualified and experienced in the field in which professional services will be rendered; and

WHEREAS, DIGroup Architecture prepared a proposal dated November 1, 2022 for the preparation of New Design Bridging Documents; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of engaging DIGroup Architecture to prepare new design bridging documents for the Project at a rate amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 and for their services on a Technical Review Committee to be invoiced at a rate of \$250.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Authority hereby authorizes DIGroup Architecture to prepare design Bridging Documents pursuant to their November 1, 2022 at a rate not to exceed \$800,000.00 and for their services on a Technical Review Committee to be invoiced at a rate of \$250.00 per hour and reimbursable expenses at a rate not to exceed \$10,000.00 annexed to this Resolution as Schedule A.
2. The Authority authorizes the Chairman of the Authority to approve and execute a contract with DIGroup Architecture setting forth the terms of the provision of the Services in substantially the form attached with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman on advice of counsel. Such approval and execution by the Chairman shall be deemed approval by the Authority and no further action or approval shall be required.



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3. The Project Manager of the Authority is directed to cause a brief notice of the above qualification to be published as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.