



Resolution No. 30-2023
Adoption Date March 7, 2023

Sufficiency of Funds Bibi Taylor
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DIGROUP ARCHITECTURE FOR DESIGN-BID-BUILD ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE UNION COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:37A-55(t), a County Improvement 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 or 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, on November 14, 2022 the Authority enacted Resolution No. 72-2022 which the Authority appointed DIGroup Architecture (hereinafter referred to as “DIGroup”) for the preparation of design bridging documents, utilizing the new Design-Build procurement process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-53, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Authority no longer wishes to use the Design-Build procurement process and instead wishes to use the Design-Bid-Build Process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-53, et. seq.

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



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WHEREAS, the Authority is desirous of engaging a pre-qualified firm to provide architectural services for 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 8, 2023 the Authority enacted Resolution No. 10-2023 which prequalified various vendors and firms to perform consulting services and professional services for the Authority, including architectural services; and

WHEREAS, DIGroup is a pre-qualified and experience in the field in which professional services will be rendered

WHEREAS, as part of the Design-Bid-Build process, the Authority is permitted to appoint a licensed and prequalified design professional to develop the project design in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to suspend its current contract with DIGroup effective December 14, 2022 pursuant to their proposal dated November 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Christopher Kolibas, Vice-Chairman Huff and Treasurer Hockaday reviewed DIGroup Architecture's proposal for Phases A and B and do hereby recommend approval of same; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to enter into a new contract with DIGroup to perform architectural services for Phases A and B related to the project pursuant to their proposal dated February 28, 2023.

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

1. The Authority hereby suspends its current contract with DIGroup Architecture effective December 14, 2022 pursuant to their proposal dated November 1, 2022, as it was formed under a Design-Build procurement process.
2. A new contract for architecture services be and is hereby awarded to DIGroup Architecture having offices located at 15 Bethany Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 in connection with the New Union County Government Complex, utilizing the Design-Bid-Build procurement process in Phases A and B in an amount not to exceed \$1,485,620.00 and \$1,354,705.00 respectively.



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3. The Authority authorizes the Chairman to execute a new contract with DIGroup Architecture, setting forth the terms of the provision of the Services, pursuant to the proposal attached hereto. Such execution by the Chairman shall be deemed approved by the Authority and no further action or approval shall be required.
4. The Executive Director is directed to publish a notice of award of contracts in the official newspaper in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i).
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.