

COMMISSION MEETING DATE:

July 26, 2022

Vendor Name (& Location):	
Various Law Firms	
Description:	
Authority Counsel, Authority Counsel (Conflicts) and Special Counsels	
PROCUREMENT TYPE:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Competitive
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Competitive
SOLICITATION TYPE:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RFP
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Contract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sole Source
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Number:	RM-170842		
Total Amount:	\$ 8,200,000.00		
Budget Code:	Various		
Contract Term (Including Options, if any):	Two-Year contract with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms at the discretion of the Authority and with the concurrence of the vendor.		
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital	
FS	Funding subject to authorization through WRAF approval process.	F	Funds are available in the appropriate operating/capital budgets for the referenced procurements.
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
FF	Future Funded	FP	Subject to funding availability at the time of service.
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Requesting Department:	Law		
Director/Manager:	Ann Christine Monica		
Publicly advertised in the <u>Star Ledger</u> , the <u>Asbury Park Press</u> , and posted on the Authority's and State's websites April 8, 2022. Publicly advertised in the <u>New Jersey Law Journal</u> on April 11, 2022.			

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority ("Authority") issued a request for qualifications ("RFQ") for Authority Counsel, Authority Counsel (Conflicts), and Special Counsels for six (6) practice areas (collectively "Counsels"). These Counsels will assist the Law Department in providing legal advice and advocacy for the Authority. Specialized practice areas included the following: 1) Litigation, 2) Bond/Tax Counsel, 3) Employment Practices and Labor Relations, 4) Insurance, 5) Intellectual Property, and 6) Police Protective. The terms of the contracts are for a period of two (2) years with the option to extend for two additional one-year terms at the discretion of the Authority.

The RFQ was advertised in the Star Ledger and the Asbury Park Press on April 8, 2022, the New Jersey Law Journal on April 11, 2022, and posted on the websites of the Authority and the State of New Jersey. In addition, 75 law firms listed on the Authority's vendor database were notified of the procurement. On May 4, 2022, the Authority received Qualifications from the 17 firms listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

An Evaluation Committee ("Committee"), established by the Executive Director, consisted of the Deputy Executive Director, Director of Human Resources, and Director of Internal Audit. The Acting Director of Law and the Director of Procurement and Materials Management served as non-voting members of the Committee.

The RFQ stated clearly that the number of firms receiving specific awards would be determined by the Committee after the completion of its evaluation of all the Responses received. Set hourly rates for partners (\$200), associates (\$150) and legal assistants (\$90) were set forth in the RFQ.

The Committee reviewed the seventeen (17) Responses submitted. This review was extensive, incorporating the general information regarding each firm's profile and experience, as well as the qualifications and experience for

each firm in the individual practice area(s) for which they had responded. The Committee scored and ranked each Response based on the evaluation criteria set forth in the RFQ. The top ranked firms were invited for oral presentations on June 23, June 24, June 27, June 28, July 7, July 11, and July 13, 2022. Based on the written and oral presentations, the Committee then compiled a report that details the evaluation process and sets forth its findings and recommendations.

Below is the list of those firms the Committee recommends, after a thorough review of all Qualifications and oral presentations, for awards of Authority Counsel, Authority Counsel (Conflicts) and Special Counsels:

Company	Authority Counsel	Authority Counsel (Conflicts)	Litigation	Bond/Tax Counsel	Employment Practices	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Police Protective
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC			✓					
DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP	✓				✓			✓
Dvorak and Associates, LLC								✓
Genova Burns LLC					✓		✓	
Malamut & Associates LLC						✓		
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC		✓		✓				
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden						✓		
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.				✓				

This professional services procurement was conducted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 27:23-6.1, N.J.A.C. 19:9-2.1(b), Executive Order No. 37 (Corzine 2006), and Executive Order No. 26 (Whitman 1994). This award is contingent upon the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey completing the review of all documents submitted by the selected awardees pursuant to Public Law 2005, Chapter 51 and Executive Order No. 117 (Corzine 2008), and having no objection to same.

Accordingly, authorization is requested to award two-year contracts to each of the firms as stated above in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8,200,000.00 for Authority Counsel, Authority Counsel (Conflicts) and Special Counsels. Each firm shall be compensated at the rates as set forth in the RFQ. Authorization is further requested for the Executive Director to approve each of the two (2) optional one-year extensions upon satisfactory performance by the firms, subject to funding availability at the time of service. It is also requested that the Executive Director be authorized to take such actions and to execute any and all documents that may be deemed necessary and appropriate to further the intent and purpose of the authorizations stated herein.

EXHIBIT A – List of Law Firms that submitted Qualifications

Company	Authority Counsel	Counsel (Conflicts)	Litigation	Bond/Tax Counsel	Employment Practices and Labor Relations	Insurance	Intellectual Property	Police Protective
Archer & Greiner, P.C.				✓				
Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf		✓						
Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC	✓	✓	✓					✓
DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP	✓				✓			✓
Dughi, Hewit & Domalewski, P.C.	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
Dvorak and Associates, LLC		✓	✓					✓
Florio Kenny Raval LLP	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Genova Burns LLC		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Gluck Walrath LLP			✓					
Malamut & Associates LLC	✓			✓	✓	✓		
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC	✓	✓		✓				
Murphy Orlando LLC	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Pashman Stein Walder Hayden	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Schaffer Shain Jollah PC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Weiner Law Group LLP		✓	✓					
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.				✓				