

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Finance/Executive Office

Resolution No.: 03-12-25F

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Brown & Connery, LLP to Provide General Counsel Legal Services for the Year 2025-2026 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

Project Summary:

- CRA requires General Counsel Legal Services to assist the Agency during the course of its routine operations and needs these legal services for 2025.
- Brown & Connery, LLP responded to the Request for Qualifications for legal counsel services by submitting a qualifications package. CRA, based on the evaluation of the firm's qualifications package/proposal, recommends a professional service agreement be entered into with Brown & Connery, LLP to provide the required General Counsel Legal Services at the hourly rates contained within their proposal.

Purpose of Resolution:

To authorize a professional services agreement

Award Process:

A RFQ was solicited and advertised in the Courier-Post and posted on the Agency's website January 27, 2025, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-5 ((1) (a)(i))

Cost Not to Exceed:

\$100,000.00

Funding Source:

Project and Program Budgets and Operations

Total Project Cost:

N/A

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, CRA requires General Counsel Legal Services to assist the Agency in the course of its routine operations, redevelopment transactions and projects; and

WHEREAS, CRA solicited for legal services by advertising in the Courier-Post and posting on the Agency's website a Request for Qualifications dated January 27, 2025, pursuant to the 'fair and open' competitive process established by N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Brown & Connery LLP, with its principal offices located at 360 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, New Jersey, 08108 submitted a qualifications package/proposal by the February 14, 2025, deadline and has been deemed qualified to provide the required General Counsel Legal Services for the CRA; and

WHEREAS, CRA desires to execute a professional services agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-5 ((1) (a)(i)) with the firm of Brown & Connery, LLP to provide General Counsel Legal Services at the hourly rates submitted in their proposal dated February 13, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that the Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized to enter into a one-year professional services agreement with the firm of Brown & Connery, LLP to provide General Counsel Legal Services for the period from February 28, 2025 to March 1, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 at the hourly rates set forth in the proposal submitted by the firm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to takes all actions, and execute all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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ON MOTION OF: Jose Javier Ramos

SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Christopher Collins	X		
Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	X		
Tasha Gainey-Humphrey			
Ian K. Leonard			
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma	X		

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Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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