

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Economic Development-Brownfields

Resolution No.: 01-14-26F

Resolution Title:

Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Command Co., Inc. for the Environmental Remediation REBID of Judge Robert B. Johnson Park Located at Carl Miller Boulevard and South 8th Street Designated as Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial), and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,673,573.50

Project Summary:

- Judge Robert B. Johnson Park, a 14.7-acre site, is located at Carl Miller Boulevard and South 8th Street (733 Carl Miller Boulevard) designated as Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial), and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map.
- The subject site is city-owned and located in the Liberty Park Redevelopment Area. The site is an active case with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) Site Remediation Program (“SRP”).
- Based on environmental assessments conducted the site the soils contain elevated levels of contamination that meet the definition of historic fill contamination. The park has been closed since contaminants were identified.
- The site requires environmental remediation prior to the reopening of the park as well as completion of planned improvements such as new athletic fields and updated facilities.
- CRA issued an Invitation for Bid on November 19, 2025, and received two (2) responsive bid proposals.
- Command Co., Inc. on evaluation is deemed the lowest responsible bidder to perform the environmental remediation (removal of historic fill material, capping, etc.) at this site.
- CRA previously authorized a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) Subgrants and RLF Loan for this project. In addition, CRA secured a State Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (“HDSRF”) grant, which will serve as the repayment source for the RLF loan.
- The HDSRF grant will cover up to 75% of requested funding for Remedial Action activities. Other funding leveraged, include a December 2022 EPA RLF subgrant from the CRA (\$500,000.00), a 2023 EPA Cleanup Grant (\$1,000,000.00 secured by CRA on behalf of the City of Camden), and a City SSA (\$82,636.00).

Purpose of Resolution:

Authorize a contract

Award Process:

An Invitation for Bid was advertised in accordance with the “fair and open” process and procedures established under the regulations and amendments to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.

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Base Bid + Contingency	\$ 2,122,000.00
6 Alternates	\$ 551,572.50
Contract Award	\$ 2,673,572.50

Total Project Cost:

\$3,550,579.75

Source of Funds:

EPA Cleanup Grant (Awarded 2023) - \$1,000,000.00
HDSRF 75% RA Grant (Submitted Jan 2023) - \$1,967,943.75
CRA RLF Subgrant (Awarded Dec 2022) - \$500,000.00
City SSA - \$82,636.00

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

WHEREAS, as part of the CRA’s redevelopment duties, the CRA manages the City of Camden Brownfield Program and has secured brownfield funds to undertake such work; and

WHEREAS, Judge Robert B. Johnson Park (the “Site”) is a city-owned park that requires remediation, and the Park is closed until the contamination can be remediated; and

WHEREAS, CRA advertised an Invitation for Bid in order to procure for the remediation scope of work (the “Work”) entitled, “Robert B. Johnson Park Remediation REBID – November 19, 2025 Carl Miller Boulevard & South 8th Street (Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial), Block 523, Lot 13), Camden, New Jersey” dated November 19, 2025 in accordance with the “fair and open” process and procedures established under the regulations and amendments to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the CRA received two (2) bids, and determined Command Co., Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Work is eligible under funding awarded to the CRA from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (“RLF”) Grant Program a subgrant and an RLF loan and from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection “NJDEP”) Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (“HDSRF”) a 75% Conservation Grant. In addition, the CRA secured for the city an EPA clean up grant for the Site.

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 and directed to negotiate and enter into a contract with Command Co., Inc. for the environmental remediation of the Judge Robert B. Johnson Park located at Carl Miller Boulevard and South 8th Street (733 Carl Miller Boulevard) designated as Block 520, Lot 26, Block 522, Lot 9 (Partial), and Block 523, Lot 13 of the City of Camden Tax Map for an amount not to exceed \$2,673,573.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take 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: **Maria Sharma**

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

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

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