

RESOLUTION 2023-58

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CME ASSOCIATES AS THE CONFLICT LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD

WHEREAS, the Township of Stafford is in need of a conflict landscape architect concerning any proposed development in the Township of Stafford; and

WHEREAS, although Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids, the township issued a request for proposals for professional service contracts in accordance with the competitive negotiation procedure as delineated with Chapter 23, Article 4 of the Township Code of the Township of Stafford entitled “Competitive negotiations for professional services contract”; and

WHEREAS, a determination of value has been made by the Township that said contract shall be a value in excess of \$17,500.; and

WHEREAS, said competitive negotiation procedure satisfies the requirements of a fair and open process under N.J.S.A. 19:44A:20.2 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, all proposals were to be submitted to the Office of the Township Purchasing Agent by October 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and the Purchasing Agent have reviewed the proposals submitted and recommend CME ASSOCIATES; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Engineering LLC are duly qualified to perform conflict landscape architectural services required by the Township of Stafford; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Council to appoint CME ASSOCIATES as a conflict Landscape Architect for the Township of Stafford; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution will be set forth in the 2023 municipal budget; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are funds available for this contract which certification is annexed hereto; and

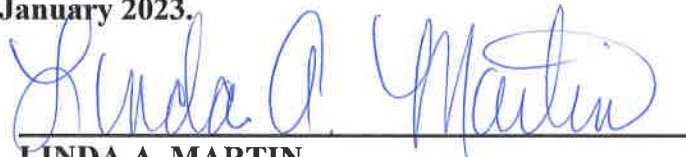
WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et esq.* authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Township of Stafford, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That CME ASSOCIATES is hereby appointed as a conflict Landscape Architect for the Township of Stafford, commencing January 1, 2023 and emending December 31, 2023.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to the attached agreement with CME ASSOCIATES.
3. That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for services to be performed by person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
4. That a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Township of Stafford.
5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.
6. That the contract shall be an open-ended contract with funds being encumbered contingent upon the availability of funds in the budget year. No services shall be rendered under the contract until the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for such services.
7. That a certified copy of this Resolution together with a copy of the contract between the parties shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer and to CME ASSOCIATES.

CERTIFICATION

I, **LINDA A. MARTIN, MUNICIPAL CLERK** of the Township of Stafford, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Stafford Township Council at a meeting held on the **3rd** day of **January 2023**.



LINDA A. MARTIN
Stafford Township Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, **DOUGLAS R. GANNON**, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Stafford, do hereby certify that no amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as goods or services are ordered. Prior to incurring the liability by placing the order, the certification of available funds shall be issued and attached to the file copy of the purchase order or other such document.



DOUGLAS R. GANNON
Chief Financial Officer, Stafford Township
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