



RESOLUTION NO. 24-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH AND ENTER INTO A POOLED LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL CONSULTING AND REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) released and advertised **RFP 23-04** for Legal Services Consulting - Real Estate Transactions and Construction Related Services on; July 23 and July 30, 2023. Offerors responses were due on **August 21, 2023**; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven Offerors timely returned an offer to HCHA for its review and evaluation. HCHA's *Review and Evaluation Committee* evaluated the written responses, and in alignment with the terms of the RFP announcement, all Offeror Law Firms were invited to a virtual interview with the Committee. The Offeror Firms are listed below in no order:

- a. Cantu Harden & Montoya LLP
- b. Ballard Spahr
- c. Clark Hill
- d Coats I Rose P.C.
- e. Bracewell LLP
- f. The Banks Law Firm P.A.
- g. Best Best & Krieger; and

WHEREAS, HCHA determined that given the number of projects HCHA anticipates developing in calendar years 2024-2026, and the number of projects already underway, or ensuing 15-year exits, that it is in the best interest of HCHA to establish a Legal Services Pool to provide the services contemplated in RFP 23-04.

WHEREAS, after reviewing, scoring, and ranking all proposals Finalist Firms were determined and further vetted for placement into the Legal Services Pool, subject to clearance of all due diligence checks including but not limited to a conflict check and debarment; and

WHEREAS, the following Finalist Law Firms submitted a Proposal that represents value to HCHA, and HCHA names and selects each Firm to provide pooled Legal Consulting Services - Real Estate Transactions and Construction Related Services as contemplated in

RFP 23-04, as may be requested from time to time by HCHA staff in no order:

- a. Coats | Rose P.C.
- b. Bracewell LLP
- c. Best Best & Krieger LLP

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that HCHA's Board of Commissioners authorizes its Executive Director to negotiate and execute Engagement Letters with each Law Firm named hereinabove for the provision of Consulting Services – Real Estate Transactions and Construction Related Services via a Pooled Contract, and subject to a Pooled Not To Exceed Amount of \$150,000 for such services, and to do all things necessary to legally fulfil the intent or purpose of the engagement.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners this 25th day of January 2024.

Chair: _____

Secretary: _____