



RESOLUTION NO. 24-21

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADD TO THE LEGAL SERVICES POOL LAW FIRMS CANTU HARDEN & MONTOYA LLP AND THE BANKS LAW FIRM P.A. OFFERORS TO THE LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDER RFP 23-04 FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION-RELATED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the 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 Law Firms were invited to a virtual interview with the HCHA Review and Evaluation Committee. The seven Offeror Firms are listed as follows in no order:

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

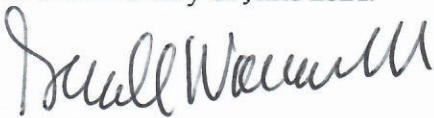
WHEREAS, after reviewing, scoring and ranking all proposals, the top four ranked Firms were determined to be Finalist Firms, and were placed in a Legal Services Pool subject to clearance of all due diligence checks including but not limited to a conflict check and debarment; and

WHEREAS, HCHA contracted with Coats | Rose P.C., Bracewell LLP, and Best Best and Krieger, L.L.P ("Legal Services Provider" or "LSP") after the firms cleared all conflict checks and debarment to provide 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; and

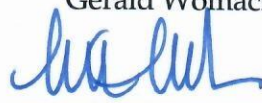
WHEREAS, HCHA has determined that given the number of Legal Consulting Services anticipated for development in calendar years 2024-2026, the number of projects already underway, and/or pending deadlines for specialized projects and as recommended by General Counsel, that it is in the best interest to add Cantu Harden & Montoya LLP, and The Banks Law Firm P.A. to the Legal Services Pool to make available additional legal resources to HCHA to provide the legal services contemplated in RFP 23-04.

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, Not To Exceed Amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars for such services, and to do all things necessary to legally fulfill the intent or purpose of the engagement.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners this 26th day of June 2024.

Chair: 

Gerald Womack

Secretary: 

Melissa Quijano

Attachment(s)