

CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Finance/ Brownfields

Resolution No.: 02-22-24E

Resolution Title:

Resolution Amending Resolution 03-08-23E for a Professional Services Agreement with Mercadien, P.C. to Provide Additional Financial Auditing Services for FYE December 31, 2022 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,500.00

Project Summary:

- Mercadien, P.C. (Mercadien) by Resolution 03-08-23E was engaged to conduct the annual audits of the CRA for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022.
- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has advised that an annual audit is required of the escrow accounts for the Harrison Avenue Landfill Closure for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, pursuant to the “Sanitary Landfill Facility Closure and Contingency Fund Act”, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-110 and N.J.A.C. 7:26-2A.9-21. The escrow account is a fund required for the closure and post-closure care of the Harrison Avenue Landfill site.
- CRA procured Mercadien in a competitive open and fair process to conduct the Agency’s annual audits for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022, and necessary additional audit services are not within the scope of work for the CRA’s annual audits. Mercadien is experienced in conducting similar audits in other municipalities.
- CRA requested and Mercadien provided a price proposal to conduct the necessary additional audit work in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.
- This resolution is to amend the professional services agreement with Mercadien to conduct the necessary additional audit in compliance with N.J.S.A. 13:1E-110 and N.J.A.C. 7:26-2A.9-21.

Purpose of Resolution:

To amend a professional services agreement.

Award Process:

It is reasonable and appropriate to continue Mercadien’s services, as the firm is experienced in conducting similar audits for compliance with the DEP audit standards, landfill closure law, and regulations. The solicitation was not conducted as a fair and open process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 11-5 (1)(a)(i).

Cost Not to Exceed:

\$7,500.00

Total Project Cost:

N/A

Source of Funds:

HAL escrow accounts

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WHEREAS, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is the title owner of certain real property formerly designated as Block 809 Lots 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and commonly known as the Harrison Avenue Landfill (the "Harrison Avenue Landfill Site"); and

WHEREAS, CRA is required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") to cause a Certified Public Accountant to conduct an annual audit of the escrow accounts for the Harrison Avenue Landfill Closure for the period of October 31, 2022 to September 30, 2023, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-110, the "Sanitary Landfill Facility Closure and Contingency Fund Act" (P.L.1981, c. 306), and N.J.A.C. 7:26-2A.9-21; and

WHEREAS, the escrow accounts are funds held by the Agency and required for the closure and post-closure care of the Harrison Avenue Landfill Site; and

WHEREAS, CRA by Resolution 03-08-23E engaged Mercadien, P.C. ("Mercadien") to conduct the annual audits of the CRA for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, CRA procured Mercadien in a competitive open and fair process to conduct the Agency's annual audits for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022, and these necessary additional audit services are not within the scope of work for the CRA's annual audits; and

WHEREAS, CRA solicited and Mercadien provided a price proposal in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the necessary additional audit services for the Harrison Avenue Landfill Site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that Resolution 03-08-23E is hereby amended to authorize the additional scope of services as set forth in this resolution and to extend the term of the professional services agreement with Mercadien, P.C. for an additional term of up to one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Executive Director, a duly authorized representative of the Agency, is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate and enter into an Amended Service Agreement with Mercadien, P.C. for the additional annual audit of the escrow accounts for the Harrison Avenue Landfill Site for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 and for an additional term of up to one year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim 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: Maria Sharma


SECONDED BY: Christopher Collins

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

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

Mark P. Asselta

Mark P. Asselta, Esq.
Board Counsel