

**CITY COUNCIL****The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE December 19, 2023NUMBER 511-2023

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIST OF FIRMS TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN REGARDS TO REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2023 and October 13, 2023, the City of Orange Township published Requests for Qualifications to establish a pool of qualified counsel to provide legal representation to the City, in connection with Redevelopment or similar obligations of the City of Orange Township including review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community and/or challenges to governmental action, and such other areas of municipal law as may be required; and

**WHEREAS**, three (3) law firms submitted resumes in response to the Request for Qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Qualified Purchasing Agent evaluated the background and experience of each firm submitting responses to the City's Request for Qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney recommends the law firms of:


1. Dilworth & Paxson, LLP,  
4 Paragon Way, Suite. 400  
Freehold, New Jersey 07728
2. Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC  
79 Mainbridge Lane  
Willingboro, New Jersey 08046
3. Law Office of Marco DiStefano, LLC  
Marco DiStefano, Esq.  
2050 Emerson Avenue  
Union, N.J. 07083

**WHEREAS**, said firms will only be selected to provide legal services on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, all recommended firms have agreed to provide legal services at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney has determined that the above referenced law firms are qualified to provide the legal services as set forth above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into Agreements with said law firms for a one (1) year from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

  
A. MIZRAHI

Adopted: **December 19, 2023**

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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

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Tency A. Eason  
Council President

# Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

SS:

Karen Hoffman of the *Horral Community Newspapers*

*Inc.*, being duly sworn according to law, states on oath, that a notice of which the annexed is a true copy, was published in the *Record-Transcript*, serving East Orange and Orange, a public newspaper published at Orange, New Jersey, in its issue of October 12, 2023 making 1 insertion in all.



Sworn and subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2023.



## ORANGE LEGAL NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP (HEREAFTER THE CITY) IS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. THE CITY IS ACCEPTING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

**LITIGATION/DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES:** THE CITY IS SEEKING LITIGATION AND DEFENSE COUNSEL SERVICES. THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SUCH LITIGATION INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO: TORT CLAIMS ACT, CONSCIENTIOUS EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT (CEPA), CLAIMS, LAW SUITS, DISCRIMINATION, LABOR CLAIMS, 42 U.S.C. 1983, CIVIL ACTIONS, CONTRACTS AND/OR CHALLENGES TO GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS AND DECISIONS.

**LABOR COUNSEL SERVICES:** THE CITY IS SEEKING LABOR COUNSEL TO HANDLE ALL LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, LABOR ARBITRATION CASES AND APPLICANTS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF LABOR LAW ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH VARIOUS MUNICIPAL UNIONS, CIVIL SERVICE, STATE LAW, STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS, AND HANDLE CONTRACT COLLECTION AND REVIEW AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

**CONFLICT COUNSEL SERVICES:** THE CITY IS SEEKING QUALIFIED SPECIAL COUNSEL TO HANDLE SPECIAL SERVICES UNDER A LEGAL PROVISIONS WHERE IT IS DETERMINED THAT A LEGAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS.

**MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL SERVICES:** THE CITY IS SEEKING BOND COUNSEL TO ADVISE AND ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS, FORMS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND THE REPRESENTATION PROGRAM IN THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM.

**MUNICIPAL TAX APPEAL SERVICES:** THE CITY IS SEEKING TO APPOINT A LAW FIRM OR ATTORNEY TO ACT AS COUNSEL TO THE MUNICIPALITY AND THE MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE DEFENSE OF TAX APPEALS.

**MUNICIPAL TAX APPEAL APPRAISAL SERVICES:** THE CITY IS SEEKING TO APPOINT A FIRM, STATE APPRAISAL CONSULTING COMPANY TO ACT AS APPRAISER/CONSULTANT TO THE CITY AND THE MUNICIPAL TAX ASSESSOR, INCLUDING, DEFENSE OF TAX APPEALS.

**REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL, LEGAL SERVICES:** THE CITY OF ORANGE IS SEEKING TO APPOINT A FIRM, STATE APPRAISAL CONSULTING COMPANY TO ACT AS GENERAL REDEVELOPMENT COUNSEL FOR REDEVELOPMENT MATTERS.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COUNSEL SERVICES:** THE CITY OF ORANGE IS SOLICITING THROUGH THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL UNITARY PAY PLAN FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION COUNSEL SERVICES.

**ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR:** THE CITY OF ORANGE IS SOLICITING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM LAW FIRMS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

COPIES OF THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY ENGINEER, LORRAINE HACKETT, BEATRICE HACKETT, EMAIL ADDRESS: BHACKETT@ORANGE.NJ.GOV.

QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS ARE BEING SOLICITED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES AND THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.

QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 12, 2023, AND MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY ENGINEER, LORRAINE HACKETT, BEATRICE HACKETT, EMAIL ADDRESS: BHACKETT@ORANGE.NJ.GOV. QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED INDIVIDUALLY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE. THE CITY ENGINEER, LORRAINE HACKETT, BEATRICE HACKETT, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS. THE CITY ENGINEER, LORRAINE HACKETT, BEATRICE HACKETT, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS. THE CITY ENGINEER, LORRAINE HACKETT, BEATRICE HACKETT, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS.



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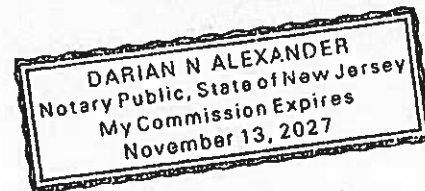
State of New Jersey,) ss  
County of Middlesex)

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Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of October 2023

  
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Notary Public



**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**BONDS, REVENUE AND TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES, PRELIMINARY AND OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AND THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY IN THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST FINANCING PROGRAM.**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COUNSEL SERVICES: THE CITY OF ORANGE, IS SOLICITING THROUGH THE FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW JERSEY "LOCAL UNIT PAY TO PLAY" LAW N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 ET SEQ., "REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS" (RFQ) FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION COUNSEL SERVICES.**

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**COPIES OF THE CITY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY WEBSITE [WWW.CI.ORANGE.NJ.US](http://WWW.CI.ORANGE.NJ.US) UNDER THE BUSINESS TAB – BIDS AND SOLICITATIONS OR BY EMAILING: BEATRICE HACKETT, EMAIL ADDRESS: BHACKETT@ORANGENJ.GOV.**

**QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS ARE BEING SOLICITED THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PAY-TO-PLAY LAW, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 ET SEQ. AND THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.**

**QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CITY NO LATER THAN 11:00 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023, AND MUST BE MAILED/RECEIVED OR HAND-DELIVERED TO THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP'S LAW DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION: GRACIA ROBERT MONTILUS, CITY ATTORNEY, ORANGE CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY 07050. QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FORWARDED BY FACSIMILE OR EMAIL TRANSMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. QUALIFICATIONS SENT EITHER BY MAIL OR COURIER SERVICE MAY BE RECEIVED BY THE LAW DEPARTMENT BUT THE CITY SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS, NON-DELIVERY, OR PHYSICAL CONDITION OF PROPOSAL STATEMENTS SENT BY MAIL OR COURIER SERVICE. QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED INDIVIDUALLY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.**

10/13/23

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