



**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

RESOLUTION 24-156

**AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A USDOT RECONNECTING
COMMUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional services in connection with the submission of a USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant application for support in the planning and design of a pedestrian footbridge over Route 36; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian footbridge will connect the northside of the highway to Kavookjian field on the southside of the highway; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has set forth its proposed services in a written proposal dated August 19, 2024, a copy of which is available at the office of the Borough Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the said proposal encompasses preparation and submission of the final grant application as detailed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amount of the contract with Colliers Engineering & Design is \$17,500.00, consisting of preparing and submitting a grant application to the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant Program for the purpose of requesting funds to support planning and design of a pedestrian footbridge over Route 36; and

WHEREAS, such professional services can only be provided by licensed professionals and the firm of Colliers Engineering & Design, 101 Crawford's Corner Road, Holmdel, NJ 07733 is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to retain Colliers Engineering & Design for the proposed services in connection with the application for the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant as set forth in its proposal; and

WHEREAS, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 for professional services as stated in Colliers Engineering & Design's proposal dated August 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous one year and that the contract will prohibit Colliers Engineering & Design from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, Colliers Engineering & Design has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands;

I hereby certify that funds are available as follows: Acct # 4-01-20-165-000-244



Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Colliers Engineering & Design is hereby retained to provide professional services in connection with preparing and submitting the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant as described above, and in their proposal dated August 19, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “Professional Service” in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract.
3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Motion to Approve R 24-155:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	RECUSE	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
CHELAK						
MELNYK						
OLSZEWSKI						
BROULLON						

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

DATE OF VOTE: August 21, 2024

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands