



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 25-116

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS IN A MATTER PENDING BEFORE THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands is a party to an action that is pending before the American Arbitration Association, captioned as Roman E&G Corp. and Borough of Highlands, and identified as Case Number 01-25-0001-0942; and

WHEREAS, in light of the pending litigation and in support of its defense in the action, the Borough of Highlands has a need for Professional Services to provide expert witness services on its behalf pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, J.S. Held LLC has set forth its proposed Professional Services to provide expert witness services on behalf of the Borough of Highlands in the above-captioned matter in a proposal dated May 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, such Professional Services can only be provided by licensed professionals and J.S. Held LLC, 50 Jericho Quadrangle, Suite 117, Jericho, N.Y. 11753, is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to retain J.S. Held LLC for the aforesaid Professional Services, in connection with expert witness services on its behalf in the pending matter referenced above; and

WHEREAS, J.S. Held LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that J.S. Held LLC 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 J.S. Held LLC from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, J.S. Held LLC has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in account: 5-01-20-155-000-294.

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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. J.S. Held LLC is hereby retained to provide Professional Services, in connection with the aforesaid expert witness services on behalf of the Borough in the pending matter referenced above, and as outlined in the proposal of J.S. Held LLC dated May 1, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00.
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. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.
4. A copy of this Resolution, certified by the Borough Clerk to be a true copy be forwarded to the Borough Attorney and J.S. Held LLC.

Motion to Approve R 25-116:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	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: May 7, 2025

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands