



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION 23-152

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BRIDGECONNEX COMMUNICATIONS FOR PHONE SYSTEM SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. (New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Laws), the Borough must award by resolution all goods and services contracts with a dollar amount between \$17,500 and \$43,999. These contracts are not bid, but vendors are still responsible to provide political contribution and company disclosure information in order to do business with the Borough.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., when the cost of goods and/or services fall between \$17,500 and the bid threshold of \$44,000 in the aggregate, an approval by resolution must be in place; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited quotations from at least two (2) service providers for voice, data, transmission and/or switching services ; and

WHEREAS, BridgeConnex Communications provided a quotation in the amount of \$19,438.66 for the first year and \$11,279.16 for each of the next two (2) years, by way of a three (3) year contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to retain the services of BridgeConnex Communications; and

WHEREAS, BridgeConnex Communications completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies the business entity has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit BridgeConnex Communications from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract.

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 #3-01-31-440-000-213 & #3-01-31-450-000-213

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick DeBlasio", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick DeBlasio, Chief Financial Officer

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

1. BridgeConnex Communications is hereby retained to provide phone system services, including voice, data, transmission and/or switching services. for a term of three (3) years, in an amount not to exceed \$19,438.66 for the first year and \$11,279.16 for each of the next two (2) years in accordance with the terms of the contract to be entered into between the Borough and BridgeConnex Communications.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract with BridgeConnex Communications in accordance with this Resolution.
3. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding through the competitive quotation process in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11:6.1.

Motion to Approve R 23-152:

	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: June 21, 2023

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk
Borough of Highlands