

RESOLUTION 2006-13

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL CONTRACT WITH UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (the "Highlands Act") mandates that the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (the "Highlands Council") adopt a Regional Master Plan by June of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments to carry out any power, duty or responsibility under the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council desires to enter into a contract with the United States Geological Survey, United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), a federal agency with significant expertise in conducting aerial flyovers to gather digital elevation data; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the contract is to prepare an updated and accurate digital elevation model of the Highlands Region to identify areas of steep slopes, which model will be used to assist municipalities and counties during the Regional Master Plan conformance process, and for further development of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, to conduct the digital elevation data gathering and analysis envisioned by the contract, USACE must conduct its aerial flyovers during leaf-off conditions; and

WHEREAS, USACE has prepared a scope of work to conduct aerial flyovers and analysis of digital elevation data for \$302,000, which scope of work and amount have been reviewed and recommended for approval by Highlands Council staff and subsequently approved by the Plan Development Committee and Budget and Finance Committee;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with USACE, for an amount not to exceed \$302,000.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 23rd day of February, 2006.



John Weingart, Chairman