

RESOLUTION 2009-47
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR TDR PROGRAM
AND HIGHLANDS REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts to effectuate the purposes of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2008, the Highlands Council adopted Resolution 2008-27 thereby adopting the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP); and

WHEREAS, the RMP includes goals, policies, and objectives relating to the implementation of a Highlands Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program, including undertaking Highlands Development Credit allocation determinations for eligible sending zone parcels; and

WHEREAS, the RMP also includes goals, policies, and objectives relating the implementation of a program for the designation of Highlands Redevelopment Areas consistent with the requirements of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, to support the Highlands Council with implementation of these programs, the Highlands Council prepared a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), dated May 29, 2009, seeking the qualifications of firms to advise and assist the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, thirteen firms submitted responses and qualifications on or before the deadline of July 1, 2009 and the Highlands Council staff evaluated the qualifications of the firms based on work experience and professional qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff recommends that Group Melvin Design and its team is best suited to meet the needs articulated by the Highlands Council's RFQ and further recommends that the Highlands Council authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with Group Melvin Design for TDR Program and Highlands Redevelopment Program assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that:

1. The Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Group Melvin Design for an amount not to exceed \$95,000, provided that the Executive Director may authorize additional amounts under this contract pursuant to her authority under the Highlands Council Bylaws; and
2. As Group Melvin Design is engaged in Plan Conformance work for several Highlands municipalities, should a potential conflict arise with respect to a particular municipality, the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with one of the other firms that submitted a response to the RFQ on an as needed basis for a specific project.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 16th day of July, 2009.

John Weingart, Chairman

<u>Vote on the Approval of this Resolution</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede			✓			
Councilmember Calabrese					✓	
Councilmember Carluccio			✓			
Councilmember Cogger	✓		✓			
Councilmember Francis			✓			
Councilmember Kovach			✓			
Councilmember Letts		✓	✓			
Councilmember Peterson			✓			
Councilmember Schrier			✓			
Councilmember Vetrano			✓			
Councilmember Way						✓
Councilmember Whitenack			✓			
Councilmember Weingart			✓			