

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-013

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING DEBRA RUMPF OF RUMPF LAW AS CHIEF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor is in need of the services of a Chief Municipal Public Defender for its Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, although the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids, the Township issued a request for proposals for professional service contracts in accordance with the competitive negotiation procedure as delineated within Section 40-8 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled “Fair and open process utilized to award contracts with anticipated value in excess of \$17,500”; and

WHEREAS, a determination of value has been made by the Township that said contract shall be a value in excess of \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, said competitive negotiation procedure satisfies the requirements of a fair and open process under N.J.S.A. 19:44A:20.2 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, all proposals were to be submitted to the Office of the Township Clerk by November 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has reviewed the proposals submitted and recommends Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, as Chief Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, is duly qualified to serve as Chief Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Council to appoint Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, as Chief Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Little Egg Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined not to exceed \$35,000.00 which sum is reasonably estimated based upon such legal services s may be required over the contract term to be awarded under this resolution, including, but not limited to, the amount spent for such legal services from the previous calendar year, the costs of compensation under the contract to be awarded, and any projected increase or decrease in services anticipated versus the prior year, and which sum the Township of Little Egg Harbor is under no obligation to spend and which may be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the agreement shall be an open ended contract with funds being encumbered contingent upon the availability of funds in the budget year. A certificate of availability of funds executed by the Chief Financial Officer is annexed hereto. The following is the line item appropriation (s), which constitutes the availability of funds for this contract: 01-20-856.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire of Rumpf Law is hereby appointed as Chief Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Little Egg Harbor for a term of one year, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025 and shall be compensated at the rate of \$2,750.00 per month, with an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to the attached agreement with Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire of Rumpf Law.

3. That this contract is awarded as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law because it is for services to be performed by a person(s) authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.

4. That a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper of the Township of Little Egg Harbor.


5. That this resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

6. That the agreement shall be an open ended contract with funds being encumbered contingent upon the availability of funds in the budget year. No services shall be rendered under the contract until the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for such services.

7. That a certified copy of this resolution, together with a copy of the contract between the parties, shall be provided by the Township Clerk to the Chief Financial Officer, and to Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire of Rumpf Law.

CERTIFICATION

I, KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Little Egg Harbor do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township of Little Egg Harbor Township Committee at a meeting held on the 1st day of **January, 2025**.



KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
Little Egg Harbor Township

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I, **RODNEY HAINES**, Chief Financial Officer for the Township of Little Egg Harbor, do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for an open-ended contract with Debra H. Rumpf, Esq of Rumpf Law.

The amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined not to exceed \$35,000.00 which sum is based upon a reasonable estimate of the legal services required over the contract term. The Township of Little Egg Harbor is not obligated to spend this amount and is permitted to exceed this amount during the course of performance of this contract.

The funds which are available for this open-ended contract are found in the following line item appropriation(s): 01-20-856



RODNEY HAINES, Chief Financial Officer
Township of Little Egg Harbor

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT made this 1st day of **January, 2025**,

BETWEEN: **TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR**, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its principal offices located at 665 Radio Road, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08087 (hereinafter referred to as “Township”);

AND: **DEBRA H. RUMPF, ESQUIRE**, having principal offices located at 11 Leifried Lane, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08087, hereinafter referred to as “Chief Municipal Public Defender.”

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Township of Little Egg Harbor is in need of the services of a Chief Municipal Public Defender for its Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, although the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bids, the Township issued a request for proposals for professional service contracts in accordance with the competitive negotiation procedure as delineated within Section 40-8 of the Township Code of the Township of Little Egg Harbor, entitled “Fair and open process utilized to award contracts with anticipated value in excess of \$17,500”; and

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WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has reviewed the proposals submitted and recommends Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, as Chief Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, is duly qualified to serve as Chief Municipal Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Council to appoint Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, as Chief Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Little Egg Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the contract to be awarded under this resolution is determined not to exceed \$35,000 which sum is reasonably estimated based upon such legal services s may be required over the contract term to be awarded under this resolution, including, but not limited to, the amount spent for such legal services from the previous calendar year, the costs of compensation under the contract to be awarded, and any projected increase or decrease in services anticipated versus the prior year, and which sum the Township of Little Egg Harbor is under no obligation to spend and which may be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, authorizes the award of contracts for “Professional Services” and requires that the resolution and contract be made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the parties hereto wish to enter into an agreement for Professional Legal Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereunder do agree as follows:

1. That Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire, is hereby appointed as Chief Municipal Public Defender for the Township of Little Egg Harbor, for a term of one year, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.
2. The Chief Municipal Public Defender shall provide all legal services required and necessary as Chief Municipal Public Defender for the Township for the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$2,750.00) Dollars per month for the year 2025.

3. The parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory language of subsection 3.4(a) of the Regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Chief Municipal Public Defender or subcontractor agrees to comply fully with the terms, provisions, and obligations of said subsection 3.4(a).

4. The parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory language of section 3.6 of the Regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Chief Municipal Public Defender or subcontractor agrees to comply fully with the terms, provisions, and obligations of said section 3.6.

5. The Chief Municipal Public Defender shall execute the Affirmative Action Agreement, Exhibit A attached hereto, which shall be incorporated herein by reference.

6. The Chief Municipal Public Defender shall submit a copy of the Certificate of Employee Information Report, or a copy of letter of Federal approval, or Form AA-302 (Initial Employee Information Report) prior to execution of this Agreement.

7. The Chief Municipal Public Defender shall provide written notice to its subcontractors of the responsibility to submit proof of business registration to the Chief Municipal Public Defender.

8. Before final payment on the contract is made by the Township, the Chief Municipal Public Defender shall submit an accurate list and the proof of business registration of each subcontractor or supplier used in the fulfillment of the contract, or shall attest that no subcontractors were used.

9. For the term of the contract, Chief Municipal Public Defender and each of its affiliates and a subcontractor and each of its affiliates [N.J.S.A. 52:32-44(g)(3)] shall collect and remit

to the Director, New Jersey Division of Taxation, the use tax due pursuant to the Sales and Use Tax Act on all sales of tangible personal property delivered into this State, regardless of whether the tangible personal property is intended for a contract with a contracting agency.

10. A business organization that fails to provide a copy of a business registration as required pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2001, c.134 (C.52:32-44 *et. al.*) or subsection e. or f. of section 92 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-92), or that provides false business registration information under the requirements of either of those sections, shall be liable for a penalty of \$25 for each day of violation, not to exceed \$50,000 for each business registration copy not properly provided under a contract with a contracting agency.

11. The Township and the Chief Municipal Public Defender for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, hereby agree to the full performance of the covenants herein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

WITNESS AND ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE EGG HARBOR

KELLY LETTERA, CMC, RMC
Township Clerk
(Seal)

By _____
DANIEL MAXWELL, MAYOR

As to Debra H. Rumpf, Esquire

By _____
DEBRA H. RUMPF, ESQUIRE



DEBRA H. RUMPF
MEMBER OF N.J. BAR

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BRIAN E. RUMPF
OF COUNSEL

November 13, 2024

Office of the Township Clerk
Little Egg Harbor Township
665 Radio Road
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

Re: Request for Proposals for Professional Services

Dear Sir/Madam:

Kindly accept this letter in response to the Township's request for proposals for professional services. The undersigned is a member of the law firm of RUMPF LAW, a Professional Corporation. I respectfully submit this proposal in connection with the Township's obtainment of a Township Public Defender for the 2025 calendar year. In accordance with the Township's requirements, I am enclosing herewith a copy of my firm's resume together with a copy of a Certificate of Insurance, Affirmative Action Information Sheet and Business Registration Certification.

In support of this proposal, please note that I have been a licensed attorney in New Jersey for thirty-four years. My present law firm was incorporated in 1997 and includes myself, Brian E. Rumpf, of counsel, and one support staff member.

My firm has served as the Public Defender for Stafford Township, the Township of Little Egg Harbor and the Boroughs of Beachwood, Tuckerton, Surf City, Harvey Cedars, Lakehurst, Eagleswood, and Island Heights. Point Pleasant Beach and Ship Bottom. It also serves Municipal entities as Zoning Board Counsel in Ocean, Barnegat, and Little Egg Harbor Townships, as well as Land Use Board Attorney in South Toms River. My firm also serves as Conflict Planning Board Counsel in Barnegat and Little Egg Harbor Townships. Other firm work includes representation of the Little Egg Harbor Municipal Utilities Authority, the Ocean County Mosquito Commission, the Township of Jackson Rent Leveling Board, the Manchester Township Rent Leveling Board and the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund as a Workers Compensation Respondent's attorney. We also perform diverse legal work for many private clients centered around Ocean County.

I believe that I possess the requisite ability to perform all tasks assigned by the Township in a timely and efficient fashion. I perform municipal hourly work at a rate of \$2,750.00 per month, not to exceed \$35,000 per contract amount, excluding any pre-trial detention matters. Additional charges would be limited to various costs incurred for matters such as postage, photocopies and the like, and said costs do not exceed 5% of the amount of any given invoice.

Three references are Harold Hensel, Esquire, 16 Madison Avenue, #1A, Toms River, NJ 08754, (732) 349-2800; Michael Kirby, Esquire, 29 Main Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 (732) 341-3337; and Terry Brady, Esquire, 680 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753 (732) 240-4600.

I am unaware of any known potential conflicts of interest in work that I may perform for your municipality. I invite communication with any of the references contained within the enclosed firm resume and will provide any additional numbers, names or references upon request. I will also provide any additional insurance information or other information the Township may request upon the award of any contract.

I thank you for your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

RUMPF LAW
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
ATTORNEY AT LAW



DEBRA H. RUMPF, ESQUIRE

DHR/sdg
Enclosure