

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 474

Approved November 22, 2023

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Notification of Outside Legal Counsel Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26 (b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Lifespan Physician Group, Medical and Life Care Consulting                      \$546,500.00  
and Padwa Law Group (Law Department)

IN CITY COUNCIL

NOV 16 2023  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 11/22/2023



OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR  
*City of Providence*

October 17, 2023

Ms. Tina Mastroianni  
City Clerk's Office  
City of Providence  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Tina:

I am writing to request that the following requested contract awards be submitted to the City Council and the Finance Committee for approval:

- **Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism:**
  - Change order #1 to **First Works** in the amount of **\$42,000.00** to compensate craft vendors who participated in PVDFest 2023 and experienced damages during the storm on Sunday, September 10, 2023, in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (4).
- **Providence Water:**
  - Award to **J.F. Brennan Company, Inc**, for "Removal and Disposal of Residuals from the South Sedimentation Basin", in the amount of **\$7,774,510.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-26 (b) (1).
- **Law Department**
  - Notification of outside legal counsel to include **Lifespan Physician Group, Medical and Life Care Consulting** and **Padwa Law Group**, in the amount of **\$546,500.00** in accordance with the Code of Ordinance, Section 21-26 (b) (2).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina M. Costa".

Gina M. Costa  
Internal Auditor

Cc: Joe Wilson, Jr, Director of ACT  
Ricky Caruolo, General Manager, Water Supply  
Jeff Dana, city Solicitor  
Alejandro Tirado, Director of Purchasing  
Shomari Husband City Treasurer



**CITY OF PROVIDENCE**

Brett P. Smiley, Mayor

October 12, 2023

The Honorable Brett P. Smiley  
Chairman, Board of Contract and Supply  
City Hall  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: NOTIFICATION OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL STATUS -  
UPDATE LIST TO INCLUDE:  
LIFESPAN PHYSICIAN GROUP, MEDICAL AND LIFE CARE CONSULTING AND  
PADWA LAW LLC

ID #: 43000

Minority Participation: 0% MBE, 0% WBE

Account Code: 101-105-52120: \$1,400,000  
101-105-53401: \$546,500  
101-205-53325: \$157,750

Dear Mayor Smiley,

The City Solicitor has plenary, unilateral authority to retain outside legal counsel and associated expert to represent the City or any City department or agency.

Section 603 of the Providence Home Rule Charter clearly vests the Solicitor with broad authority to represent the City and all agencies in such a manner, and with such personnel, as the Solicitor deems appropriate. It does not require the Solicitor to obtain City Council approval, or that of any subsidiary entity including the Board of Contract and Supply, in order to retain outside counsel. The authority to manage the City's legal affairs is implicitly recognized in Section 21-26 of the Code of Ordinances, which excludes "legal" contracts from the list of contracts which require approval. To the same effect, see R.I.G.L. §45-55-14.

By this letter, I write to inform the Board that during FY24, the Law Department may be utilizing the services of the attorneys or law firms listed on the attachment, with a total budget of \$1,400,000 (101-105-52120) and \$546,500 (101-105-53401). If we engage additional legal counsel, we will so advise the Board.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE  
444 Westminster Street, Suite 220  
Providence, RI 02903  
(401)-680-5333

Attached to this letter is a list of outside counsel and address.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jeff Dana, City Solicitor

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Financial Approval:

N/A - No Change – See letter dated August 8, 2023  
Maria Mansolillo, City Collector



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UPDATE - OUTSIDE COUNSEL FY 2024 – OCTOBER 12, 2023

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Asquith & Mahoney, PC	155 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903
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Lynch & Pine Attorneys at Law	One Park Row, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Providence, RI 02903
Medical and Life Care Consulting, Inc. (MLCC)	P. O. Box 1041 Belchertown, MA 01007
Lifespan Physician Group, Inc.	P. O. Box 414695 Boston, MA 02441-4695
Olenn & Penza, LLP	530 Greenwich Avenue Warwick, RI 02886
Padwa Law LLC	One Park Row, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Providence, RI 02903
Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O’Gara, LLC	Northwoods Office Park 1301 Atwood Avenue, Suite 215N Johnston, RI 02919
Partridge Snow & Hahn	40 Westminster Street. Suite 1100 Providence, RI 02903
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Rhode Island

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2023

TO: Purchasing Director

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO RETAIN OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL STATUS AND ASSOCIATED EXPERT ACCOUNTANT SERVICE TO REPRESENT THE CITY OR ANY CITY DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

DISPOSITION: VOTED: The Purchasing Director hereby authorizes Approval to retain Outside Legal Counsel Status and Associated Expert Accountant Service to represent the City or any City Department or Agency, utilizing the services of the attorneys or law firms listed, for Notification of Outside Legal Counsel, for a total amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,557,750.00), in Fiscal Year 2024, all in accordance with the request of Jeffrey Dana, City Solicitor, in communication dated August 8, 2023.

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cc: Pur.Dir.  
Contr  
City Solicitor  
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*Jina L. Mastroianni*  
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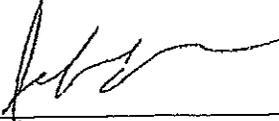
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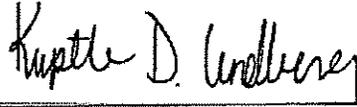
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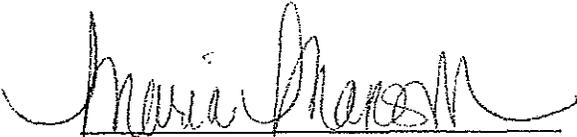
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