

RESOLUTION 2020-10

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL AWARD OF CONTRACT TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

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), which became effective September 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out its duties under the Highlands Act and the RMP, the Highlands Council is charged with creating sustainable communities and a sustainable economic future for the region; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Monitoring Program Recommendation Report, serving as the Council's six-year work plan, included a specific recommendation for the development of a "comprehensive economic development plan for the Highlands Region;" and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council does not have sufficient internal resources and expertise to complete an economic sustainability plan for the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff prepared a Request for Proposals to Develop an Economic Sustainability Plan for the Highlands Region seeking firms with expertise to assist the Highlands Council with preparing an economic development plan for the region; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) firms responded by submitting proposals and qualifications on or before the deadline of November 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff evaluated the proposals (inclusive of qualifications and supporting materials) and shared its findings with the Highlands Council's Budget and Finance Committee on February 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed the staff findings and the process utilized to evaluate the submissions, and has further determined that funds are available for the award of a contract pursuant to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee recommends that a contract be awarded to Camoin Associates 310 in an amount not to exceed \$149,861.30 to complete the scope of work set forth in the RFP and further recommends that the Highlands Council authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract in connection with the RFP and the proposal of Camoin Associates 310; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to the expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve or take exception with same, in which case the action shall either become effective upon such approval or take no effect.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.13:20-5j this Resolution shall have no force or effect until the completion of the Governor's review of the Highlands Council minutes

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Camoin Associates 310 for purposes of developing the subject Economic Sustainability Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$149,861.30.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of June 2020.



Carl Richko, Chairman

**Vote on the Approval of
This Resolution**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dougherty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Dressler	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Francis	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Holtaway	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember James	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Sebetich	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Visioli	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vohden	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Walton	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Chairman Richko	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____