

RESOLUTION 2006-28

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL CONTRACT WITH DEMICCO & ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 6g of the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council is empowered to "enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments, and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient, or desirable for the purposes of the council or to carry out any power, duty, or responsibility expressly given in" the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure safe drinking water for the Highlands and for those who rely upon its water, and to understand the effects that land use activities have on groundwater quality, the Highlands Council prepared a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") seeking a qualified firm to develop groundwater modeling for evaluating nitrate contamination; and

WHEREAS, the RFQ was posted on the Highlands Council's website requesting qualification submittals; and

WHEREAS, only one firm, Demicco & Associates, Inc. ("Demicco") submitted its qualifications in response to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, Demicco is a consulting firm with extensive experience in New Jersey in the assessment of land use impacts on groundwater quality and quantity, and in the development of groundwater models; and

WHEREAS, Demicco submitted a general scope of work to assist the Highlands Council in assessing water resource impacts and developing appropriate nitrate modeling for \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Development Committee has reviewed and approved the general scope of work; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds for the proposed contract.

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 Demicco, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 5th day of October, 2006.



John Weingart, Chairman