

## RESOLUTION 2006-29

### NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL CONTRACT WITH AKRF, INC.

**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 6.g 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**, it is essential that the Highlands Council have graphics and design support for the development of the Regional Master Plan to assist with communications pamphlets, graphics support for press and website releases, graphics support for report maps, map displays and PowerPoint presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, to address the above needs, the Highlands Council prepared a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to provide graphics support, which RFQ was posted on the Highlands Council's website; and

**WHEREAS**, three bidders submitted proposals and qualifications submittals, which submittals were then reviewed by Highlands Council staff; and

**WHEREAS**, AKRF, Inc. submitted a comprehensive proposal addressing each of the RFQ's requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, AKRF, Inc., a leading environmental engineering and planning firm in the Northeast, provides a variety of services that will benefit the Highlands Council including graphics support and has successfully provided contract work for the Council in the past delivering a quality product on time and under budget; and

**WHEREAS**, AKRF, Inc. also has specific regional experience in the Highlands Region through its development of promotional materials for environmental initiatives for the Spruce Run Initiative Corridor Study; and

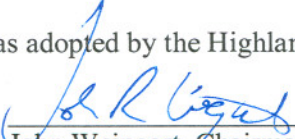
**WHEREAS**, the Plan Development Committee has reviewed the scope of work provided by AKRF for regional planning consultation for \$25,000 and has approved; and

**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 AKRF, Inc., 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2006.

  
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John Weingart, Chairman