

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT
FOR THE RECEIPT OF BIDS
FOR THE REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX EXTERIOR FAÇADE**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida impacted New Jersey on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, bringing severe weather conditions including strong winds and heavy and sustained rainfall in some areas; and

WHEREAS, the storm caused severe damage to municipal facilities, infrastructure, vehicles and equipment, including the Municipal Complex which had extensive damage to the exterior façade and interior basement sections of the first floor that flooded; and

WHEREAS, following the event, professionals were engaged by the Insurance Company and excess carrier to review the Municipal Complex and provide a report on findings and issue an opinion to the carrier that is used as a basis for determination of coverage; and

WHEREAS, following the initial report, municipal officials challenged the findings that the disqualified the exterior façade and requested areas not addressed in the report that had sustained damage also be evaluated, which led to supplemental engagements by the insurance carrier to amend preliminary findings, specifically addressing concerns with the exterior wall and façade; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2022, Peter Campisano with USA Architects met with elected and municipal officials to report on the preliminary findings and discuss repairs necessary to restore the exterior, inclusive of bringing the building to current construction code standards, which will provide future resiliency against weather related events; and

WHEREAS, Halliwell Engineering Associates that had been engaged by the Insurance Company issued an investigation report in May of 2022, followed by MKA issuing a supplemental report in July of 2022 for the carrier, specifically to address concerns with the exterior façade; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2022, municipal officials and professionals working with the Township held meetings with representative of the insurance carrier and their engaged professionals to discuss findings included within the reports; and

WHEREAS, in October and November of 2022, municipal officials working with legal counsel and the Risk Manager raised concerns with the findings to members of the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund and requested the carriers cover costs associated with an independent study of the exterior, that would be engaged directly by the Township; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2022, pursuant to Resolution 346-12.22, an agreement with BDO USA, LLP was authorized for claims administration services and for assistance with the reporting, documentation and submission requirements; and

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WHEREAS, In January of 2023, representatives for BDO USA, LLP working with municipal officials, identified and met with engineering professionals to provide a proposal for a Building Envelope Moisture Intrusion Investigation needed to determine the scope of damage to the cavity of the exterior wall, in addition to working together with Hillmann Consulting as the engaged environmental firm for a comprehensive analysis of the sheathing within the façade; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2023, pursuant to Resolution 112-4.23, CTL Group was engaged to conduct a Building Envelope Moisture Intrusion Investigation; and

WHEREAS, without addressing the disaster-related damage to the exterior walls breached during Hurricane Ida, the building will experience leaks and moisture intrusion, causing future damage to the interior of the building; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement with USA Architects includes remediation and restoration efforts at the Municipal Complex, including design through bid phase services relating to the Municipal Complex Façade Remediation and Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, with the design phase complete, a recommendation is hereby made that the Township solicit proposals for this project, known as the Municipal Complex Façade Remediation and Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, the goods and services requested is anticipated to exceed the current bid threshold, and is therefore required to be bid under a formal competitive bid process pursuant to Local Public Contract Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 15th day of May 2023, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize advertisement for the receipt of bids for the following specification:

BID POSTING DATE

May 23, 2023

BID OPENING DATE

June 21, 2023

CONTRACT BID23006:

Municipal Complex Façade Remediation and Restoration Project

Justine Progebin
Business Administrator

Ronald Gordon, Esq.
Township Attorney
Approved as to legal form

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RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
HUTCHINSON				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MEHTA				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on May 15, 2023.

Lisa Russo
Township Clerk