A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CME ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick has a need for Landscape Architectural Services for 2025; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, the Township Council approved Resolution 289-9.24, authorizing the solicitation of Requests for Proposals (RFP) for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, services were procured in formal manner in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-4.1a et seq., under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to respond to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 14, 2024, the Purchasing Agent received, and the Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of one (1) proposal in response to PRO25026; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein their Evaluation Report; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee recommends authorizing a contract with CME Associates (3141 Bordentown Avenue Parlin, NJ 08859) to provide Landscape Architectural Services; and

WHEREAS, Township Attorney has reviewed the proposals submitted and determined the proposal submitted by CME Associates to be responsive under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (<u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and any provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of North Brunswick to enter into an agreement with CME Associates to provide Landscape Architectural Services for calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates shall be compensated for services as outlined within their contract for an authorization not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 for general services, exclusive of special projects; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that \$5,000.00 is available for general matters in account 5-01-26-310-000-200 for services ending June 30, 2025 and the balance of authorized funds shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of January 2025, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with CME Associates to provide Landscape Architectural Services, with an authorization not-to-exceed \$10,000.00 for general matters, exclusive of special projects, for calendar year 2025, in accordance with RFP PRO25026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.

CERTIFICATION

I, Cavel Gallimore, Chief Financial Officer, hereby certify that \$5,000.00 is available for general services in account 5-01-21-165-000-200, for services ending June 30, 2025 and the balance of funds authorized shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY2026. Contract PRO25026.

Cavel Gallimore Chief Financial Officer

Justine Progebin Business Administrator Ronald Gordon, Esq. Township Attorney Approved as to legal form

RECORDED VOTE:

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	NOTES
CHEDID				
HUTCHINSON				
MEHTA				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
GUADAGNINO				
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 January 2, 2025.



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EVALUATION REPORT 2025 LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DECEMBER 30, 2024

The Township of North Brunswick seeks a qualified vendor to provide Landscape Architect services for 2025. One (1) proposal was received, demonstrating general experience and meeting the fundamental qualifications of the services required. A three-person committee evaluated the proposals comprised of the following individuals:

Michael C. Hritz, Director of Community Development Steve Bloyed, Director of Public Works Salvatore Profaci, Zoning Officer

Each committee member assessed their own affiliations and financial interest, as well as the affiliations and financial interests of family members, to ensure that there was no conflict of interest with vendors in the field. Each member signed a statement attesting to the fact that there was no conflict of interest.

The committee reviewed and discussed the Request for Proposal and alternative evaluation criteria. The committee agreed to the criteria to be evaluated and the numerical weighting to be assigned to each. The established weighting criterion was as follows:

- 1. Understanding and Prior Experience with the township -30 points
- 2. Experience and Qualifications of Individuals 20 points
- 3. Overall company history 30 points
- 4. Agreement to the Pricing Model 20 points

The following proposal was received by the submission deadline:

CME Associates 3141 Bordentown Avenue Parlin, N.J. 08859

The committee discussed the proposals sharing observations including: experience, knowledge of professionals and other factors. The committee members then individually filled out Committee Evaluation Forms, assigning numerical scores for each firm.

CME Associates scored a total of 272 points, with demonstrated success in traditional landscape architecture.

Accordingly, it is the Evaluation Committee's recommendation to appoint CME Associates as Landscape Architect.

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Results from the receipt of proposals on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., by way of virtual:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86923261108?pwd=QOv013RQZABbcWdZ9SqEOMY9liwyl9.1

Present: Justine Progebin, Business Administrator/Purchasing Agent Samantha Sickles, Purchasing Agent Emma Von Thun, Purchasing Agent Nellie Sowell, Clerk 3

Resolution #289-9.24 adopted on September 16, 2024 by the Township Council authorizing receipt of bids and advertised in the Home News & Tribune as according to law.

Receipt of proposals is closed.

The following receipt of proposals were received:

PRO25026 – Landscape Architect	Bond No Bond required	Total
CME Associates 3141 Bordentown Avenue Parlin, NJ 08859		Set Fees

A report will be presented to the Township Council for possible award at the Reorganization Township Council Meeting.

Lisa Russo Municipal Clerk