

RESOLUTION 2014-16

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO DEVELOP A FISCAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING ACT AND ASSOCIATED REGIONAL MASTER 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, section 8a. of the Highlands Act states that the RMP shall be periodically revised and updated at least once every six years, after public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Policy 10A5 of the RMP states that to ensure the long term success of the RMP, the Highlands Council evaluate regional conditions, identify new or emerging issues, and develop future RMP priorities through the tracking and monitoring of regional indicators; and

WHEREAS, Objective 10A5a of the RMP states that the Highlands Council prepare a Highlands RMP Monitoring Review Report at least every six years to ensure that the RMP is meeting its goals; and

WHEREAS, Objective 10A5b of the RMP states that the Highlands Council prepare a fiscal impact assessment that measures the overall economic health of the Region as compared to the rest of the State, to be included in the Highlands RMP Monitoring Review Report; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the requirements of the Act and RMP, the Highlands Council intends to develop a fiscal impact assessment demonstrating the economic effects of the Act and the RMP on municipalities and counties wholly or partially within the region as compared to the State and other comparable region; and

WHEREAS, to support the Highlands Council with implementation of this program, the Highlands Council staff prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) which was released to the public on December 18, 2013 seeking firms to advise and assist the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, four firms submitted a response and proposal on or before the deadline of February 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has reviewed its findings with the Budget and Finance Committee of the Council on April 15, 2014, and this committee has reviewed the staff findings, and process to evaluate the submissions, and further determined that funds are available for the award of a contract pursuant to this RFP; and

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WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff recommends that The Planning Center DC&E/PlaceWorks be awarded a contract to address the needs articulated by the Highlands Council's RFP and further recommends that the Highlands Council authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract in connection with the RFP and the proposal of The Planning Center DC&E/PlaceWorks;

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 The Planning Center DC&E/PlaceWorks for an amount not to exceed, \$136,455 with a contingency of \$13,645, to be allocated at the discretion of the Executive Director, for a total of \$150,100.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 15th day of May, 2014.



 Jim Rilee, 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 Richko	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Sebetich	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Tfank	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Visioli	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Vohden	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Walton	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Chairman Rilee	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____