

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-276

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH GRUCCIO, PEPPER, DESANTO & RUTH, PA, VINELAND, NJ FOR LABOR ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF VINELAND.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland has heretofore advertised for proposals for Professional Services for Labor Attorney Services for the City of Vineland; and

WHEREAS, the Requests were published in the City's official newspaper; and

WHEREAS, three (3) proposals were received and referred to the City Solicitor for evaluation and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that a contract for the required services be awarded to Guccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth, PA, Vineland, NJ based upon the proposal received, pursuant to a fair and open process; and

WHEREAS this contract is awarded in an amount not to exceed \$135.00 per hour, as needed, not to exceed \$25,000.00 for specified services, plus reimbursable expenses, for a contract period of September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the availability of funds for said Professional Services Contract to be awarded herein have been certified by the City Comptroller; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that said contract for Professional Services for Labor Attorney Services, be awarded to Guccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth, PA, Vineland, NJ, based upon the proposal received, pursuant to a fair and open process, in the amount not to exceed \$135.00 per hour, as needed, not to exceed \$25,000.00 for specified services, plus reimbursable expenses, for a contract period of September 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

**REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION FOR CONTRACT AWARDS
UNDER 40A:11-5 EXCEPTIONS
(PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, EUS, SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, ETC)**

Aug 8, 2016

(DATE)

1. Service (detailed description): Labor Attorney

 2. Amount to be Awarded: \$ 135.00 per hr as needed, not to exceed \$25,000.00
 Encumber Total Award
 Encumber by Supplemental Release

 3. Amount Budgeted: \$ _____

 4. Budgeted: By Ordinance No. _____
Or Grant: Title & Year _____

 5. **Account Number to be Charged: _____

 6. Contract Period: September 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

 7. Date To Be Awarded: August 23, 2016

 8. Recommended Vendor and Address: Law Office of Gruccio, Pepper, et.al.
Vineland, New Jersey

 9. Justification for Vendor Recommendation:(attach additional information for Council review)
This law firm specializes in labor Law and has represented the city of Vineland in
Labor matters and is well familiar with all of the city contracts with unions.
Their rates are lower than any other applicant.

 - Non-Fair & Open (Pay-to-Play documents required)
 Fair & Open: How was RFP advertised? _____

 10. Evaluation Performed by: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq.

 11. Approved by: _____

 12. Attachments:
 Awarding Proposal
 Other: _____
- Send copies to:
Purchasing Division
Business Administration

** If more than one account #, provide break down

City of Vineland Special Experience

Gruccio, Pepper has been privileged to serve as Labor Counsel to the City of Vineland for several years. The Firm is thoroughly familiar with labor relations issues and City's practices and policies regarding all labor relations matters. Gruccio, Pepper has represented the City in collective bargaining negotiations, mediation, arbitration, fact-finding proceedings, grievance proceedings, unfair labor proceedings and matters before the State of New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission. This experience provides great benefit to the City with continuity of knowledge of issues and positions.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

We are not aware of any potential conflicts of interest or relationships between this office and the City of Vineland.

FEES

We propose being paid for such professional services a fee of One Hundred Thirty-five (\$135.00) Dollars per hour for attorney services, which shall be paid from time to time upon the submission of proper verified legal statements to the City detailing the work actually performed. The cost of toll telephone calls, photocopy expenses, postage, travel expenses, including tolls and mileage, together with any extraordinary expense required to be incurred in the performance of services under this contract, not included in the above categories, such as Court costs, expert witness fees, or other similar costs shall be paid in addition to the aforesaid hourly fee for services.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
LABOR ATTORNEY
JULY 12, 2016

	Decotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd. Ste. 31 Teaneck, NJ	Gruccio, Pepper, DeSanto & Ruth, PA 817 E. Landis Ave. P.O. Box 1501 Vineland, NJ	Park McCay P.A. 9000 Midlantic Dr. Ste 300 Mt. Laurel, NJ
Stockholder Disclosure	YES	YES	YES
Affirmative Action	YES	YES	YES
Non-Collusion Affidavit	YES	YES	YES

Qualifications packages also sent to:

Chance & McCann
 Buonadonna & Benson
 Capehart Scatchard
 O'Hearn, Esq. & Gina M. Roswell, Esq.
 Eric M. Bernstein & Assoc., LLC
 Comegno Law Group PC
 Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP
 Adams Gutierrez & Lattiboudere