EAST WINDSOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Resolution No. 2020-04

Resolution Awarding Contract for Professional Auditing Services

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:14A-7.1 requires that every utility's Authority will cause an annual audit of the accounts of the Authority to be made by a registered municipal accountant or certified public accountant of New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract itself must be made available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority (Authority) is awarding this contract under a Fair and Open Process, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the legal requirements for the Fair and Open Process, the proposal for these services was posted on the Authority's web site and in the official designated daily newspaper of the Authority on January 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, proposals received in response to the web site notification were opened and publicly read at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Authority offices, and

WHEREAS, two proposals for these services were received, The Mercadien Group, 3625 Quakerbridge Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619 and W&Co-Wielkotz & Company, 401 Wanaque Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ, the Authority has determined, price and other factors considered, that it is in the best interest of the Authority to award a contract for the Authorities Annual Audit to The Mercadien Group and Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the contract is \$15,820.00 to The Mercadien Group for the Annual Audit and \$300.00 per hour for principal and \$190.00 per hour for Senior for all other Financial Services, adequate funds are available in the Operating Account No. 01-201-6202-2 entitled Basic Contract - Auditor as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer's Certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority, as follows:

1. That the Chairperson and Secretary are hereby authorized to award this agreement for annual audit service with The Mercadien Group, registered municipal accountants in the State of New Jersey, for the period of February 20, 2020 to the annual reorganization meeting to be held in February 2021.

- 2. The Authority hereby specifically determines that the procedures followed in connection with the award of this contract were in full compliance with the Fair and Open process for awarding such contracts, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5.
- 3. The Mercadien Group is required to comply with the Affirmative Action Requirements of N.J.A.C. 17:27.
- 4. It is hereby directed that notice of the award of a contract be published once in the official designated newspaper of the Authority within ten (10) days of the date hereof.
 - 5. This Resolution will take effect immediately.

Dated: 2/20/20

Linda Moore, Chairperson

CERTIFICATION

I, Marc Platizky, Secretary of the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the East Windsor Municipal Utilities Authority at a meeting held on February 20, 2020.

Dated: 2/20/20

Marc Platizky, Secretary