RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH A FAIR & OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.4 ET SEQ TO SOVEREIGN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING INCORPORATED, 111-A NORTH GOLD DRIVE, ROBBINSVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08691 TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AND ALL APPROPRIATE INQUIRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW METHOD CLEANERS SITE-300-310 PROSPECT STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $3,840.00 - RFP2015-28

WHEREAS, the City has a need to conduct a Preliminary Assessment and all appropriate Inquiry in accordance with State and Federal Requirements for the New Method Cleaners Site-300-310 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey for the City of Trenton, Department of Housing and Economic Development for a period of one year; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal was advertised, and sixteen (16) sealed proposals were received on July 23, 2015 and were evaluated by a committee based on criteria that included experience, understanding of requirements and cost; and

WHEREAS, the proposal of Sovereign Consulting Inc., 111-A N. Gold Drive, Robbinsville, NJ 08691 was deemed to include the necessary qualifications and expertise for the performance of the services at the rates listed in the proposal; and

WHEREAS, funds in an amount not to exceed $3,840.00 have been certified to be available in account G-FF-12-60-063B-290.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Sovereign Consulting Inc., 111-A N. Gold Drive, Robbinsville, NJ 08691 for a period of one year; in an amount not to exceed $3,840.00.

2. This contract is awarded pursuant to the authority set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1.

3. A notice of this action shall be printed once in the official newspaper for the City of Trenton and the Resolution and contract shall remain on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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The Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on OCT 01 2015.
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
RFP # 2015-28
RESOLUTION #15-641

THIS CONTRACT, made this 2nd day of OCTOBER 2015 by and between the City of Trenton, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, ("City") and SOVEREIGN CONSULTING INCORPORATED ("CONTRACTOR")

WHEREAS, the City has need for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES to conduct a preliminary assessment and all appropriate inquiry in accordance with state and federal requirements for the New Method Cleaners Site 300-310 Prospect St., Trenton, NJ for the City of Trenton, Housing and Economic Development.

WHEREAS, Contractor agrees to perform PROFESSIONAL SERVICES in terms and conditions as set forth hereinafter, and the City being agreeable thereto;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree as follows:

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: The City agrees to award a contract with Sovereign Consulting Inc., 111-A North Gold Drive, Robbinsville, NJ 08691 for the City of Trenton, Department of Housing and Economic Development.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES: The contractor warrants that the representations made by it regarding its ability and skill level to carry out these services are true. Contractor shall, in a good, professional and workmanlike manner, in conformity with the responsibilities, demands and ethics of their profession, perform all reasonable and necessary services as described as follows:

- Review of hazardous waste manifests kept on file by the tenant that show disposal of waste PCE and waste water from dry cleaning operations;
- Inspection of existing dry cleaning machine and drum storage area, and opinions/recommendations on current storage practices.
- Information supporting USEPA requirements for All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI).

In addition, the City of Trenton possesses the following project documents prepared for this site:

- Soil and Groundwater Investigation (The Whitman Companies; 1993);
- Remedial Investigation and Remedial Action Workplan (The Whitman Companies; 1996);
- Preliminary RI Workplan (The Whitman Companies; January 2004);
- Remedial Investigation Progress Report (The Whitman Companies; August 2005);
- Remedial Investigation Report (Sadat Assoc.; 2008);
- On behalf of USEPA (and City of Trenton): Removal Assessment Investigation (Weston Solutions; 2013).
2. **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT:** This contract shall remain in full force and shall be awarded in the amount not to exceed $3,840.00.

3. **COMPENSATION:**

   (a) All work performed by Contractor according to the attached scope of services.

   (b) Contractor shall submit monthly bills complete with appropriate support documentation to justify said billing.

   (c) In no event during the terms of this Contract, Contractor's billings shall hereunder exceed the amount set forth in Resolution No. 15-641 which is incorporated herein by reference. In the event Contractor anticipates exceeding the aforesaid contract amount, the Independent Contractor, shall give prior written notice to the City of Trenton, Department of Housing and Economic Development.

4. **STATUS OF CONTRACTOR:** It is expressly understood by and between the parties hereto that the status of the Contractor retained to carry out the services set forth in this agreement is that of an Independent Contractor. It is further understood by and between the parties that is not intended nor shall it be construed, that the contractor is an agent, employee, or officer of the City of Trenton.

5. **NOTICES:** Any notices required to be delivered to either party pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing to their respective addresses. The parties shall be responsible for notifying each other of any change of address.

6. **INTEGRATION:** RFP2015-28 and this contract constitute the entire agreement between the parties and any representation that may have been made prior to the execution of this Contract are nonbonding, void, and of no effect and neither party has relied on any such prior representations in entering into this Contract.

7. **ENFORCEABILITY:** If any term or condition of this Contract or its application to any party or circumstances shall be deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract and its application to other parties and circumstances shall not be affected.

8. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

9. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**
Contractor, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation, disability or nationality. Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but is not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause;

Contractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation.
Contractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with the regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time and the American with Disabilities Act.

Contractor, where applicable, agrees to attempt to schedule minority and female workers consistent with the applicable county employment goals prescribed by N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c. 127, as amended and supplemented from time to time or in accordance with a binding determination of the applicable county employment goals determined by the Affirmative Action Office pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2, amended and supplemented from time to time.

Contractor, where applicable, agrees to inform in writing appropriate recruitment agencies in the area, including employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, labor unions that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, gender identity or expression, affectional, sexual orientation, disability or nationality and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

Contractor, where applicable, agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are take without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, gender identity or expression, affectional, sexual orientation, disability or nationality. Contractor will conform these
employment goals consistent with statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and Federal court decisions.

Contractor, where applicable, shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Affirmative Action Office as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations. Contractor shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Affirmative Action Office for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to Subchapter 10 of the Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 17:27).

Contractor shall submit along with the signed contract one of the following as evidence of compliance with N.J.A.C. 17-27:

1. Appropriate evidence that the independent contractor is operating under an existing Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program.


3. An initial employee information report (Form AA#302) provided by the Affirmative Action Office and completed by the contractor in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

Sovereign Consulting Inc.,
111-A North Gold Drive
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Attest: Sandra Hernande

10/30/15

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written.

Attest: Richard M. Kachmar
City Clerk

City of Trenton

Attest: Eric E. Jackson
Mayor