RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH A FAIR AND OPEN PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44 A-20.4 ET SEQ TO MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR RESIDENTIAL TAX APPEAL APPRAISER SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $40,000.00 – RFP# 2017-40

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton has a need for Residential Tax Appeal Appraiser Services for the City of Trenton, Department of Tax Assessors for a period of one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposal was advertised, and three (3) proposals were received on December 5, 2017, and were evaluated by a committee based on criteria that included, experience, understanding of requirements and cost; and

WHEREAS, the proposals of Robert M. Sapio Real Estate Appraisal & Consulting, LLC, 314 Cherry Avenue, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043-1125 and Sockler Realty Services Group Incorporated, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 were deemed to have the necessary qualifications and expertise for the performance of the services at the rates budgeted; and

WHEREAS, funds in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00 have been certified to be available in the following account numbers 8-01-310-3060-290 at ($390.00 cost per appraisal and $90.00 per hour for pre-trial preparation and testimony for Robert M. Sapio Real Estate Appraisal & Consulting, LLC); ($500 to $750.00 cost per appraisal and $115.00 per hour for pre-trial preparation and testimony for Sockler Realty Group Incorporated) for a period of one (1) year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Trenton, that:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into contract with Robert M. Sapio Real Estate Appraisal & Consulting, L.L.C., 314 Cherry Avenue, Voorhees, New Jersey 08043-1125, and Sockler Realty Services Group Incorporated, 299 Ward Street, Suite C, Hightstown, New Jersey 08520 for Residential Tax Appeal Appraiser Services for the City of Trenton, Department of Tax Assessors in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00 for a period of one (1) year.

2. This contract is awarded pursuant to the authority set forth in the Local Public Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

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.
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

RFP2017-40
RESOLUTION 18-76

THIS CONTRACT, made this 15th day of FEBRUARY 2018 by and between the CITY OF TRENTON, 319 EAST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08608 a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, ("City") and SOCKER REALTY SERVICES GROUP INCORPORATED, 299 WARD STREET, SUITE C, HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08520 ("CONTRACTOR")

WHEREAS, the City has a need for PROFESSIONAL SERVICES to provide Residential Tax Appeal Appraiser Services for the City of Trenton, Department of Finance, Division of Tax Assessors for a period of one (1) year.

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

NOW THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:
The City agrees to retain SOCKER REALTY SERVICES GROUP INCORPORATED, 299 WARD STREET, SUITE C, HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY 08520 hereinafter set forth at the request of and under the general supervision of the City of Trenton, Department of Finance, Division of Tax Assessors.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES
Contractor agrees and shall prepare and defend real property appraisal reports for defense of residential assessment appeals in the City of Trenton before the Tax Court of New Jersey.

Appraisal reports are to be prepared in compliance with all Tax Court of New Jersey and professional appraisal standards using generally accepted appraisal methods and reporting. Each written appraisal will include sufficient descriptive information and market analysis, including primary verification with a party to the transaction of any sale utilized in accordance with Tax Court of New Jersey standards.

DURATION OF THE CONTRACT:
This contract shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one (1) year from time of award at $500 to $750.00 cost per appraisal and $115.00 per hour for pre-trail preparation and testimony in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00.

3. COMPENSATION:
   (a) All work performed by the Contractor is a continuance to complete the project.
   (b) The Contractor shall submit monthly bills complete with appropriate support documentation to justify said billing.
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**: Resolution #18-76 and this contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and any representation that may have been made prior to the execution of this Contract are nonbinding, void, and of no effect and neither party has relied on any such prior representations in entering into this Contract with the City of Trenton, Department of Administration.

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**:
   
a. 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 terms 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.

b. 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.

c. 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.
d. 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.

e. 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.

f. Contractor, where applicable, agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken 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.

g. 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).

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

CITY OF TRENTON

Date: 3.9.2018

DATE

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