

**RESOLUTION 23-075**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR  
ENERGY CONSULTING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority (RVRSA) owns and operates wastewater facilities for the conveyance, treatment, and disposal of wastewater and biosolids consistent with the terms and conditions of its wastewater discharge permit; and

**WHEREAS**, RVRSA desires to evaluate the obtainability of solar power generation to meet, in part, the energy needs of the RVRSA infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the RVRSA received a Proposal dated May 2, 2023, attached hereto, and made a part hereof, for consulting support in relation to RVRSA's prospective undertaking of a solar project at the RVRSA facility from Gabel Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority desires to award a contract for the performance of such services to Gabel Associates, located at 417 Denison Street, Highland Park, New Jersey, 08904, in an amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 for services related to Task 1; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(a)(ii) authorizes the Authority to award contracts for Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services without public advertising for bids and bidding thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has reviewed the Certification of JoAnn Mondini, Executive Director, dated July 11, 2023 herewith; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in the line items 01-501-020.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority as follows:

1. The Authority hereby authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Gabel Associates, located at 417 Denison Street, Highland Park, New Jersey, 08904, in an

amount not to exceed \$10,500.00 for services related to Task 1 as set forth in the attached Proposal dated May 2, 2023.

2. The Executive Director shall cause a copy of the within Resolution to be published in an official newspaper of the Authority.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority held on July 13, 2023.

On motion of: Commissioner Corbett

Second by: Commissioner Howarth

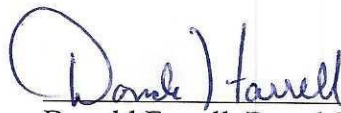
ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Potter, Schorno, Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Lavery



Donald Farrell, Board Secretary

**CERTIFICATION DECLARATION FOR AN  
EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICE (EUS)**

**TO:** Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Board Members

**FROM:** JoAnn Mondsini, Executive Director

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** Contract for unspecifiable consulting services

This is to request your approval of a resolution authorizing a contract to be executed as follows:

Firm: Gabel Associates

Cost: Not to exceed \$10,500 for task 1; and for Task 2 - see Proposal/hourly rates attached

Duration: 1-year

Purpose: To perform energy consulting services with regard to a prospective solar energy project at the RVRSA facility

This is to request an award of a contract without the receipt of formal bids as an Extraordinary Unspecifiable Service [N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.3(b)]. I do hereby certify to the following:

**1. Provide a clear description of the nature of the work to be done.**

*The work to be done by Gabel Associates shall involve specialized subject matter expertise. Gabel Associates is comprised of engineers, planners, lawyers, economists, policy specialists, and analysts, and provides consulting energy procurement services. Gabel Associates is available to provide support regarding all stages of development of a solar Power Purchase Agreement, including feasibility studies and assessments; comprehensive economic, technical, and financial analysis and modeling; interconnection activities; preparation of request for proposals (RFPs) and proposal evaluation; contract drafting and negotiation; SREC/REC sales; and client representation/project facilitation activities during construction.*

**2. Describe in detail why the contract meets the provisions of the statute and rules:**

*This contract meets the provisions of the statute and rules because the work to be authorized does not exceed the bid threshold, and as required demands a certain level of expertise in energy procurement. It is necessary that Gabel Associates possess expertise and experience in the field of energy procurement in order to assist RVRSA with regard to a prospective solar energy Power Purchase Agreement.*

**3. The service(s) is of such a specialized and qualitative nature that the performance of the service(s) cannot be reasonably described by written specifications because:**

*The work to be performed requires energy procurement and Solar Power Purchase Agreement negotiation consulting services which is of such a specialized and qualitative nature that it cannot be described in written specifications.*

**4. Describe the informal solicitation of quotations:**

*A quote to perform this work was solicited from Gabel due to their well established reputation in the field and their work associated with the Energy Aggregate to which RVRSA is a member.*

**5. I have reviewed the rules of the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-2.1 et seq. and certify that the proposed contract may be considered an extraordinary unspecifiable service in accordance with the requirements thereof.**

Respectfully,

Name:   
JoAnn Mondsini  
Executive Director