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**NIFS ID: CQAT24000025**

Capital:

Contract ID #: CQAT24000025

NIFS Entry Date: 01/30/2024

**Department: County Attorney**

Service: special counsel (Knudson)

Term: September 8, 2023, to completion of services.

Contract Delayed: X

Slip Type: New		
CRP:		
Blanket Resolution:		
Revenue:	Federal Aid:	State Aid:
Vendor Submitted an Unsolicited Solicitation:		

1) Mandated Program:	<b>No</b>
2) Comptroller Approval Form Attached:	<b>No</b>
3) CSEA Agmt. & 32 Compliance Attached:	<b>No</b>
4) Significant Adverse Information Identified? (if yes, attach memo):	<b>No</b>
5) Insurance Required:	<b>Yes</b>

Vendor/Municipality Info:	
Name: <b>Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter &amp; Donovan, LLP</b>	ID#: <b>113299284</b>
Main Address: <b>170 Old Country Road Mineola, NY 11501</b>	
Main Contact: <b>Laura Hansen</b>	
Main Phone: <b>(516) 746-5599</b>	

Department:
Contact Name: <b>Mary Nori</b>
Address: <b>1 West Street Mineola, New York 11501</b>
Phone: <b>(516) 571-6083</b>
Email: <b>mnori@nassaucountyny.gov, acaruso@nassaucountyny.gov</b>

## Contract Summary

**Purpose:** This is a new contract with Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan LLP ("Counsel"), the special counsel firm selected to represent the County in the matter known as David Knudson v. County of Nassau, et. al., EDNY Docket No. 21-cv-0058 (GRB) (ARL), a §1983 case.

**Procurement History:** The County Attorney's Office conducted a formal Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") to identify eligible, experienced legal counsel for a broad array of legal areas, and a panel of firms ("Panel") qualified to provide legal services for the County has been established. Counsel has been added to the Panel. In this streamlined solicitation, a total of thirty-one (31) candidates qualified in the areas of §1983 and municipal defense were solicited from the RFQ panel. Four (4) firm responded. After reviewing several factors, the committee found that Counsel had the requisite staff to ensure that the case would be handled properly, and extensive experience in providing counsel to municipalities. The reputation of the firm and its associates provided the Committee with confidence that the matter would be handled with professionalism and integrity. Based on the committee's analysis, Counsel was deemed fit and selected to work on the above referenced matter.

<b>Description of General Provisions:</b> Same as above.
<b>Impact on Funding / Price Analysis:</b> The maximum amount of the contract is \$76,750.00. The full amount shall be encumbered.
<b>Change in Contract from Prior Procurement:</b> N/A - This is a new contract.
<b>Method of Source Selection:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Request For Proposals awarded to proposer offering best value RFP #: AT0425-1808 Advertised On: 04/25/2018 Advertised In: Bid Board, Newsday, New York State Contract Reporter Proposals Due On: 05/31/2018 Number of proposals received: 45 Evaluation Committee members: Lisa LoCurto, Daniel Gregware, Sighle Lynch Pursuant to Executive Order No. 1 of 1993 as amended at least three proposals were solicited and received. The attached memorandum from the department head describes the proposals received along with the cost of each proposal. The contract has been awarded to the proposer offering the lowest cost proposal
<b>MWBE Participation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participation of Minority-owned and Women-owned Business Enterprises in Nassau County Contracts: The selected contractor has agreed that it has an obligation to utilize best efforts to hire MWBE sub-contractors. Proof of the contractual utilization of best efforts as outlined in Exhibit EE may be requested at any time by the Comptroller's Office prior to the approval of claim vouchers. [Note: This box must be checked.] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vendor will not require any subcontractors. Contractor is a (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> MWBE <input type="checkbox"/> SDVOB
<b>Recommendation:</b> Approve as Submitted

# Advisement Information

Fund	Control	Resp. Center	Object	Index Code	Sub Object	Budget Code	Line	Amount
GEN	10	1100	DE	ATGEN 1100	DE502	ATGEN 1100 DE502	01	\$76,750.00
						TOTAL	\$76,750.00	

Additional Info	
Blanket Encumbrance	
Transaction	
Renewal	
% Increase	
% Decrease	

Funding Source	Amount
Revenue Contract:	
County	\$76,750.00
Federal	\$0.00
State	\$0.00
Capital	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total	\$76,750.00

# Routing Slip

Department			
NIFS Entry	Mary Nori	02/21/2024 03:07PM	Approved
NIFS Final Approval	Mary Nori	02/21/2024 03:07PM	Approved
Final Approval	Mary Nori	02/21/2024 03:07PM	Approved
County Attorney			
Approval as to Form	Salvatore Spezio	02/21/2024 03:55PM	Approved
RE & Insurance Verification	Grady Farnan	02/21/2024 03:33PM	Approved
NIFS Approval	Mary Nori	02/22/2024 12:30PM	Approved
Final Approval	Mary Nori	02/22/2024 12:30PM	Approved
OMB			
NIFS Approval	Jenna Ferrante	02/22/2024 10:18AM	Approved
NIFA Approval	Irfan Qureshi	02/22/2024 10:31AM	Approved
Final Approval	Irfan Qureshi	02/22/2024 10:31AM	Approved
Compliance & Vertical DCE			
Procurement Compliance Approval	Andrew Levey	02/23/2024 10:25AM	Approved
DCE Compliance Approval	Robert Cleary	03/15/2024 12:10PM	Approved
Vertical DCE Approval	Arthur Walsh	03/27/2024 10:56AM	Approved
Final Approval	Arthur Walsh	03/27/2024 10:56AM	Approved
Legislative Affairs Review			
Final Approval	Christopher Leimone	03/31/2024 10:43AM	Approved
Legislature			
Final Approval			In Progress
Comptroller			
Claims Approval			Pending
Legal Approval			Pending

Accounting / NIFS Approval			Pending
Deputy Approval			Pending
Final Approval			Pending
<b>NIFA</b>			
NIFA Approval			Pending

RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND BEE READY FISHBEIN HATTER & DONOVAN, LLP.

WHEREAS, the County has negotiated a personal services agreement with Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP., to provide professional legal services, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Rules Committee of the Nassau County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the agreement with Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP.

## SPECIAL COUNSEL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, (together with the schedules, appendices, attachments and exhibits, if any, this "Agreement"), dated as of the date (the "Effective Date") that this Agreement is executed by Nassau County, is entered into by and between (i) Nassau County, a municipal corporation having its principal office at 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501 (the "County"), acting for and on behalf of the **Office of the Nassau County Attorney**, having its principal office at One West Street, Mineola, New York 11501 (the "Department"), and (ii) **Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan LLP**, with an office located at 170 Old Country Road, Suite 200, Mineola, New York 11501 ("Counsel" or "Contractor").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nassau County Charter Section 1101, the County Attorney has determined the need for the employment of special counsel; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to hire Counsel to perform the services described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Counsel is eminently qualified and ready to provide the necessary services; and

WHEREAS, Counsel desires to perform the services described in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. Term. This Agreement shall commence on September 8, 2023, and shall terminate upon the completion of services, as hereinafter described, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. Services. The services to be provided by Counsel under this Agreement shall consist of representing the County in the case known as *David Knudson v. County of Nassau, et. al.*, EDNY Docket No. 21-cv-00582 (GRB)(ARL) (the "Services"). Services under this Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, motion practice; pre-trial discovery; trial; appeals; and such other Services as may be required to fully represent the County. When providing such Services, Counsel must comply with Nassau County's Litigation Management Guidelines, as may be amended (the "Guidelines"), provided under separate cover and incorporated by reference herein. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, such Services shall conclude no earlier than entry of a verdict or a settlement or of a court-order terminating the above-described litigations.

3. Payment. (a) Amount of Consideration. (1) The amount to be paid to Counsel as full consideration for Counsel's Services under this Agreement, including disbursements, shall not exceed the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$76,750.00) ("Maximum Amount"). Compensation for professional services shall be paid at an hourly rate according to the following fee schedule:

<u>Title/Position</u>	<u>Effective Period</u>	<u>Hourly Rates</u>
(i) Partners and Associates:	To 12/31/2023	\$275.00
Unadmitted Law Clerks/Paralegals:	To 12/31/2023	\$150.00
(ii) Partners and Associates:	1/1/2024 to 12/31/2026	\$290.00
Unadmitted Law Clerks/Paralegals:	1/1/2024 to 12/31/2026	\$150.00

(2) Any appearances before the County Legislature, or any committee thereof for the

purpose of the approval of this Agreement or any amendment thereto, are to be construed as part of the fee negotiation and approval process and Counsel agrees that no fee will be charged for any such appearances.

(b) Vouchers; Voucher Review, Approval and Audit. Payment shall be made to Counsel in arrears and shall be contingent upon (i) Counsel submitting a claim voucher (the "Voucher") in a form satisfactory to the County, that (a) is accompanied by a contemporaneous record of hours billed stating the person(s) performing the Services and indicating with reasonable specificity, the Services provided and the payment requested in consideration for such Services, or contains a detailed, itemized list of allowable expenses; (b) certifies that the Services rendered and the payment requested are in accordance with this Agreement, and (c) is accompanied by documentation satisfactory to the County supporting the amount claimed, and upon (ii) review, approval and audit of the Voucher by the Department and/or the County Comptroller or his or her duly designated representative (the "Comptroller").

(c) Timing of Payment Claims. Counsel shall submit its claim no later than three (3) months following the County's receipt of the services that are the subject of the claim, and no more frequently than once a month.

(d) Expenses and Disbursement. Counsel shall be compensated within the Maximum Amount for all reasonable expenses and disbursements actually incurred, including but not limited to out-of-pocket disbursements for investigators, trial preparation services, court reporting services, interpreters, and other legitimate expenses in accordance with the Guidelines. Counsel shall obtain prior written approval from the County Attorney or his designee for all non-routine expenses and disbursements as specified in the Guidelines.

(e) No Duplication of Payments. Payments under this Agreement shall not duplicate payments for any work performed or to be performed under other agreements between Counsel and any funding source including the County.

(f) Payments in Connection with Termination or Notice of Termination. Unless a provision of this Agreement expressly states otherwise, payments to Counsel following the termination of this Agreement shall not exceed payments made as consideration for services that were (i) performed prior to termination, (ii) authorized by this Agreement to be performed, and (iii) not performed after Counsel received notice that the County did not desire to receive such services.

4. Independent Contractor. Counsel is an independent contractor of the County. Counsel shall not, nor shall any officer, director, employee, servant, agent or independent contractor of Counsel (a "Counsel Agent"), be (i) deemed a County employee, (ii) commit the County to any obligation, or (iii) hold itself, himself, or herself out as a County employee or Person with the authority to commit the County to any obligation. As used in this Agreement the word "Person" means any individual person, entity (including partnerships, corporations and limited liability companies), and government or political subdivision thereof (including agencies, bureaus, offices and departments thereof).

5. No Arrears or Default. Counsel is not in arrears to the County upon any debt or contract and it is not in default as surety, contractor, or otherwise upon any obligation to the County, including any obligation to pay taxes to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the County.

6. Compliance with Law. (a) Generally. Counsel shall comply with any and all applicable Federal, State and local Laws, including, but not limited to those relating to conflicts of interest,

human rights, a living wage, disclosure of information and vendor registration in connection with its performance under this Agreement. In furtherance of the foregoing, Counsel is bound by and shall comply with the terms of Appendix EE attached hereto and with the County's registration protocol. As used in this Agreement the word "Law" includes any and all statutes, local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, applicable orders, and/or decrees, as the same may be amended from time to time, enacted, or adopted.

(b) Nassau County Living Wage Law. Pursuant to LL 1-2006, as amended, and to the extent that a waiver has not been obtained in accordance with such law or any rules of the County Executive, Counsel agrees as follows:

- (i) Counsel shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Living Wage Law, as amended.
- (ii) Failure to comply with the Living Wage Law, as amended, may constitute a material breach of this Agreement, the occurrence of which shall be determined solely by the County. Counsel has the right to cure such breach within thirty days of receipt of notice of breach from the County. In the event that such breach is not timely cured, the County may terminate this Agreement as well as exercise any other rights available to the County under applicable law.
- (iii) It shall be a continuing obligation of Counsel to inform the County of any material changes in the content of its certification of compliance, attached to this Agreement as Appendix L, and shall provide to the County any information necessary to maintain the certification's accuracy.

(c) Records Access. The parties acknowledge and agree that all records, information, and data ("Information") acquired in connection with performance or administration of this Agreement remains the sole property of the County and shall be used and disclosed solely for the purpose of performance and administration of the contract or as required by law. Counsel acknowledges that Counsel Information in the County's possession may be subject to disclosure under Article 6 of the New York State Public Officer's Law ("Freedom of Information Law" or "FOIL"). In the event that such a request for disclosure is made, the County shall make reasonable efforts to notify Counsel of such request prior to disclosure of the Information so that the Counsel may take such action as it deems appropriate.

(d) Prohibition of Gifts. In accordance with County Executive Order 2-2018, Counsel shall not offer, give, or agree to give anything of value to any County employee, agent, consultant, construction manager, or other person or firm representing the County (a "County Representative"), including members of a County Representative's immediate family, in connection with the performance by such County Representative of duties involving transactions with Counsel on behalf of the County, whether such duties are related to this Agreement or any other County contract or matter. As used herein, "anything of value" shall include, but not be limited to, meals, holiday gifts, holiday baskets, gift cards, tickets to golf outings, tickets to sporting events, currency of any kind, or any other gifts, gratuities, favorable opportunities or preferences. For purposes of this subsection, an immediate family member shall include a spouse, child, parent, or sibling. Counsel shall include the provisions of this subsection in each subcontract entered into under this Agreement.

(e) Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest. In accordance with County Executive Order 2-2018, Counsel has disclosed as part of its response to the County's Business History Form, or other



disclosure form(s), any and all instances where Counsel employs any spouse, child, or parent of a County employee of the agency or department that contracted or procured the goods and/or services described under this Agreement. Counsel shall have a continuing obligation, as circumstances arise, to update this disclosure throughout the term of this Agreement.

(f) Vendor Code of Ethics. By executing this Agreement, the Contractor hereby certifies and covenants that:

- (i) The Contractor has been provided a copy of the Nassau County Vendor Code of Ethics issued on June 5, 2019, as may be amended from time to time (the "Vendor Code of Ethics"), and will comply with all of its provisions;
- (ii) All of the Contractor's Participating Employees, as such term is defined in the Vendor Code of Ethics (the "Participating Employees"), have been provided a copy of the Vendor Code of Ethics prior to their participation in the underlying procurement;
- (iii) All Participating Employees have completed the acknowledgment required by the Vendor Code of Ethics;
- (iv) The Contractor will retain all of the signed Participating Employee acknowledgements for the period it is required to retain other records pertinent to performance under this Agreement;
- (v) The Contractor will continue to distribute the Vendor Code of Ethics, obtain signed Participating Employee acknowledgments as new Participating Employees are added or changed during the term of this Agreement, and retain such signed acknowledgments for the period the Contractor is required to retain other records pertinent to performance under this Agreement; and
- (vi) The Contractor has obtained the certifications required by the Vendor Code of Ethics from any subcontractors or other lower tier participants who have participated in procurements for work performed under this Agreement.

7. Ownership of Records. All County Information provided to Counsel by the County shall remain the property of the County. All reports, documents or information created by Counsel on behalf of the County shall be deemed the property of the County. Upon the County's request, completion of Services, or termination of this Agreement, all such County Information, reports, documents or information shall be returned to the County.

8. Service Standards. Regardless of whether required by Law: (a) Counsel shall, and shall cause Counsel Agents to, conduct his or her activities in connection with this Agreement so as not to endanger or harm any Person or property.

(b) Counsel shall deliver Services under this Agreement in a professional manner consistent with the best practices of the legal profession. Counsel shall take all actions necessary or appropriate to meet the obligation described in the immediately preceding sentence, including obtaining and maintaining, and causing all Counsel Agents to obtain and maintain, all approvals, licenses, and certifications ("Approvals") necessary or appropriate in connection with this Agreement.

9. No Conflict Representation. During the term of this Agreement, Counsel shall not represent any party whose interest is or may be adverse to or in conflict with, or whose interest may appear to be adverse to or in conflict with the County, nor shall it commence any action or proceeding, or act as Counsel in any action or proceeding that is adverse to the County or any County officer or employee, without the County's prior written consent.

10. Indemnification; Defense; Cooperation. (a) Counsel shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, the Department and its officers, employees, and agents (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all liabilities arising out of or in connection with performance under this Agreement by Counsel or a Counsel Agent, provided, however, that the Counsel shall not be responsible for that portion, if any, of a Loss that is caused by the negligence of the County.

(b) Counsel shall, upon the County's demand and at the County's direction, promptly and diligently defend, at Counsel's own risk and expense, any and all suits, actions, or proceedings which may be brought or instituted against one or more Indemnified Parties for which Counsel is responsible under this Section, and, further to Counsel's indemnification obligations, Counsel shall pay and satisfy any judgment, decree, loss or settlement in connection therewith.

(c) Counsel shall, and shall cause Counsel Agents to, cooperate with the County and the Department in connection with the investigation, defense or prosecution of any action, suit or proceeding in connection with this Agreement, including the acts or omissions of Counsel and/or a Counsel Agent in connection with this Agreement.

(d) The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. Insurance. (a) Types and Amounts. Counsel shall obtain and maintain throughout the term of this Agreement, at its own expense: (i) one or more policies for commercial general liability insurance, which policy(ies) shall name "Nassau County" as an additional insured and have a minimum single combined limit of liability of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate coverage, (ii) if contracting in whole or part to provide professional services, one or more policies for professional liability insurance, which policy(ies) shall have a minimum single combined limit of liability of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim (iii) compensation insurance for the benefit of the Counsel's employees ("Workers' Compensation Insurance"), which insurance is in compliance with the New York State Workers' Compensation Law, and (iv) such additional insurance as the County may from time to time specify.

(b) Acceptability; Deductibles; Subcontractors. All insurance obtained and maintained by Counsel pursuant to this Agreement shall be (i) written by one or more commercial insurance carriers licensed to do business in New York State and acceptable to the County, and which is (ii) in form and substance acceptable to the County. Counsel shall be solely responsible for the payment of all deductibles to which such policies are subject. Counsel shall require any subcontractor hired in connection with this Agreement to carry insurance with the same limits and provisions required to be carried by Counsel under this Agreement.

(c) Delivery; Coverage Change; No Inconsistent Action. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, copies of current certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement shall be delivered to the Department. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of any expiration or renewal of, or actual, proposed or threatened reduction or cancellation of coverage under, any insurance required hereunder, Counsel shall provide written notice to the Department of the same and deliver to the Department renewal or replacement certificates of insurance. Counsel shall cause all insurance to remain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Agreement and shall not take or omit to take any action that would suspend or invalidate any of the required coverages. The failure of Counsel to maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance shall render this contract void and of no effect. The failure of Counsel to maintain the other required coverages shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement upon which the County reserves the right to consider this Agreement terminated as of the date of such failure.

12. Assignment; Amendment; Waiver; Subcontracting. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereunder may not be in whole or part (i) assigned, transferred or disposed of, (ii) amended, (iii) waived, or (iv) subcontracted, without the prior written consent of the County Executive or his or her duly designated deputy (the "County Executive"), and any purported assignment, other disposal or modification without such prior written consent shall be null and void. The failure of a party to assert any of its rights under this Agreement, including the right to demand strict performance, shall not constitute a waiver of such rights.

13. Termination. (a) Generally. This Agreement may be terminated (i) for any reason by the County upon thirty (30) days' written notice to Counsel, (ii) for "Cause" by the County immediately upon the receipt by Counsel of written notice of termination, (iii) upon mutual written Agreement of the County and the Counsel, and (iv) in accordance with any other provisions of this Agreement expressly addressing termination.

As used in this Agreement the word "Cause" includes: (i) a breach of this Agreement; (ii) the failure to obtain and maintain in full force and effect all Approvals required for the services described in this Agreement to be legally and professionally rendered; and (iii) the termination or impending termination of federal or state funding for the services to be provided under this Agreement.

(b) By Counsel. This Agreement may be terminated by Counsel if performance becomes impracticable through no fault of the Counsel, where the impracticability relates to Counsel's ability to perform its obligations and not to a judgment as to convenience or the desirability of continued performance. Termination under this subsection shall be effected by Counsel delivering to the commissioner or other head of the Department (the "Commissioner"), at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination date (or a shorter period if sixty days' notice is impossible), a notice stating (i) that Counsel is terminating this Agreement in accordance with this subsection, (ii) the date as of which this Agreement will terminate, and (iii) the facts giving rise to the Counsel's right to terminate under this subsection. A copy of the notice given to the Commissioner shall be given to the Deputy County Executive who oversees the administration of the Department (the "Applicable DCE") on the same day that notice is given to the Commissioner.

(c) Counsel Assistance upon Termination. In connection with the termination or impending termination of this Agreement the Counsel shall, regardless of the reason for termination, take all actions reasonably requested by the County (including those set forth in other provisions of this Agreement) to assist the County in transitioning Counsel's responsibilities under this Agreement. The provisions of this subsection shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. Accounting Procedures; Records. The Contractor shall maintain and retain, for a period of six (6) years following the later of termination of or final payment under this Agreement, complete and accurate records, documents, accounts and other evidence, whether maintained electronically or manually ("Records"), pertinent to performance under this Agreement. Records shall be maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and, if the Contractor is a non-profit entity, must comply with the accounting guidelines set forth in the applicable provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, as may be amended. Such Records shall at all times be available for audit and inspection by the Comptroller, the Department, any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over the provision of services hereunder and/or the payment therefore, and any of their duly designated representatives. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

15. Limitations on Actions and Special Proceedings against the County. No action or special proceeding shall lie or be prosecuted or maintained against the County upon any claims arising out of or in connection with this Agreement unless:

(a) Notice. At least thirty (30) days prior to seeking relief, Counsel shall have presented the demand or claim(s) upon which such action or special proceeding is based in writing to the Applicable DCE for adjustment and the County shall have neglected or refused to make an adjustment or payment on the demand or claim for thirty (30) days after presentment. Counsel shall send or deliver copies of the documents presented to the Applicable DCE under this Section to each of (i) the Department and the (ii) the County Attorney (at the address specified above for the County) on the same day that documents are sent or delivered to the Applicable DCE. The complaint or necessary moving papers of Counsel shall allege that the above-described actions and inactions preceded Counsel's action or special proceeding against the County.

(b) Time Limitation. Such action or special proceeding is commenced within the earlier of (i) one (1) year of the first to occur of (A) final payment under or the termination of this Agreement, and (B) the accrual of the cause of action, and (ii) the time specified in any other provision of this Agreement.

16. Work Performance Liability. The Counsel is and shall remain primarily liable for the successful completion of all work in accordance this Agreement irrespective of whether the Counsel is using a Counsel Agent to perform some or all of the work contemplated by this Agreement, and irrespective of whether the use of such Counsel Agent has been approved by the County.

17. Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue; Governing Law. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement or required by Law, exclusive original jurisdiction for all claims or actions with respect to this Agreement shall be in the Supreme Court in Nassau County in New York State and the parties expressly waive any objections to the same on any grounds, including venue and *forum non conveniens*. This Agreement is intended as a contract under, and shall be governed and construed in accordance with, the Laws of New York State, without regard to the conflict of laws provisions thereof.

18. Notices. Any notice, request, demand or other communication required to be given or made in connection with this Agreement shall be (a) in writing, (b) delivered or sent (i) by hand delivery, evidenced by a signed, dated receipt, (ii) postage prepaid via certified mail, return receipt requested, or (iii) overnight delivery via a nationally recognized courier service, (c) deemed given or made on the date the delivery receipt was signed by a County employee, three (3) business days after it is mailed or one (1) business day after it is released to a courier service, as applicable, and (d)(i) if to the Department, to the attention of the Commissioner at the address specified above for the Department, (ii) if to an Applicable DCE, to the attention of the Applicable DCE (whose name Counsel shall obtain from the Department) at the address specified above for the County, (iii) if to the Comptroller, to the attention of the Comptroller at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501, and (iv) if to Counsel, to the attention of the person who executed this Agreement on behalf of Counsel at the address specified above for Counsel, or in each case to such other persons or addresses as shall be designated by written notice.

19. All Legal Provisions Deemed Included; Severability; Supremacy. (a) Every provision required by Law to be inserted into or referenced by this Agreement is intended to be a part of this Agreement. If any such provision is not inserted or referenced or is not inserted or referenced in correct form then (i) such provision shall be deemed inserted into or referenced by this Agreement for purposes of interpretation and (ii) upon the application of either party this Agreement shall be formally amended to comply strictly with the Law, without prejudice to the rights of either party.

(b) In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

(c) Unless the application of this subsection will cause a provision required by Law to be excluded from this Agreement, in the event of an actual conflict between the terms and conditions set forth above the signature page to this Agreement and those contained in any schedule, exhibit, appendix, or attachment to this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth above the signature page shall control. To the extent possible, all the terms of this Agreement should be read together as not conflicting.

(d) Each party has cooperated in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement. Therefore, in the event that construction of this Agreement occurs, it shall not be construed against either party as drafter.

20. Section and Other Headings. The section and other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

21. Administrative Service Charge. Counsel agrees to pay the County an administrative service charge of Two Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$266.00) for the processing of this Agreement pursuant to Ordinance Number 74-1979, as amended by Ordinance Numbers 201-2001, 128-2006, and 153-2018. The administrative service charge shall be due and payable to the County by Counsel upon signing this Agreement.

22. Executory Clause. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement:

(a) Approval and Execution. The County shall have no liability under this Agreement (including any extension or other modification of this Agreement) to any Person unless (i) all requisite County and other governmental approvals have been obtained, including, if required, approval by the County Legislature and (ii) this Agreement has been executed by the County Executive (as defined in this Agreement).

(b) Availability of Funds. The County shall have no liability under this Agreement (including any extension or other modification of this Agreement) to any Person beyond funds appropriated or otherwise lawfully available for this Agreement, and, if any portion of the funds for this Agreement are from the state and/or federal governments, then beyond funds available to the County from the state and/or federal governments.

(c) NIFA Approval. County contracts with a Maximum Amount equal to or greater than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) require the approval of the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority ("NIFA") during the control period declared by NIFA on January 26, 2011, with limited exceptions. NIFA also requires that when the aggregate of contracts issued to a particular vendor for the provision of similar services is equal to or greater than \$50,000 in any 12-month period they be subject to NIFA approval even if each individual contract is less than \$50,000. NIFA has advised the County that NIFA's approval is subject, among other things, to the following limitation: payment to Counsel under this Agreement for Services, including related expenses and disbursements, rendered prior to the later of (i) the date of NIFA approval or (ii) full execution of the Agreement (such date, the "Approval Date") shall not exceed the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Counsel therefore acknowledges that charges incurred over Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) prior to the Approval Date shall not be approved by NIFA, and shall not be paid by the County, unless NIFA makes

an exception to its policy. Accordingly, to mitigate against exposure, Counsel shall provide the following notice to the Department:

- (A) If Counsel anticipates incurring costs in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) prior to the Approval Date, Counsel shall provide written notice to the Department at least Forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which Counsel anticipates reaching the Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) cap.
- (B) If Counsel has reached or anticipates reaching the Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$50,000.00) cap prior to the Approval Date, and in less than Forty-five (45) days, Counsel shall provide the Department with immediate written notice.

Upon receipt of such notice, the Department will review and advise Counsel of the Department's intended course of action, which, in appropriate cases as determined by the Department, may include seeking a waiver from NIFA.

23. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements (whether written or oral) of the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Counsel and the County have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**BEE READY FISHBEIN HATTER & DONOVAN  
LLP**

By: 

Name: Peter A. Bee

Title: Partner

Date: 11/27/23

**NASSAU COUNTY**

By: 

Name: Thomas A Adams

Title: County Attorney

Date: Feb 21, 2024

**NASSAU COUNTY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: County Executive

☐ Deputy County Executive

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE EXECUTE IN BLUE INK

STATE OF NEW YORK)

)ss.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU )

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 2023 before me personally came Peter A. Bee to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he or she resides in the County of Nassau; that he ~~or she~~ is the a Partner of Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP, the corporation described herein and which executed the above instrument; and that he ~~or she~~ signed his ~~or her~~ name thereto by authority of the ~~board of directors~~ of said corporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC

**MARIA G. FERRI**  
**Notary Public, State of New York**  
**No. 01FE4908627**  
**Qualified in Nassau County**  
**Comm. Expires December 12, 2024**

STATE OF NEW YORK)

)ss.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU )

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year 2024 before me personally came Thomas A. Adams to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he or she resides in the County of Nassau; that he or she is the **County Attorney**, the municipal corporation described herein and which executed the above instrument; and that he or she signed his or her name thereto pursuant to Law, including Nassau County Charter Section 1101.

**NOTARY PUBLIC**

DIANA CATAPANO  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK  
NO. 01CA6089854  
QUALIFIED IN NASSAU COUNTY  
COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 31, 2027

STATE OF NEW YORK)

)ss.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU )

On the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 20\_\_ before me personally came \_\_\_\_\_ to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he or she resides in the County of \_\_\_\_\_; that he or she is a **County Executive of the County of Nassau**, the municipal corporation described herein and which executed the above instrument; and that he or she signed his or her name thereto pursuant to Section 205 of the County Government Law of Nassau County.

**NOTARY PUBLIC**



## **Appendix EE**

### **Equal Employment Opportunities for Minorities and Women**

The provisions of this Appendix EE are hereby made a part of the document to which it is attached.

The Contractor shall comply with all federal, State and local statutory and constitutional anti-discrimination provisions. In addition, Local Law No. 14-2002, entitled "Participation by Minority Group Members and Women in Nassau County Contracts," governs all County Contracts as defined herein and solicitations for bids or proposals for County Contracts. In accordance with Local Law 14-2002:

- (a) The Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status in recruitment, employment, job assignments, promotions, upgradings, demotions, transfers, layoffs, terminations, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation. The Contractor will undertake or continue existing programs related to recruitment, employment, job assignments, promotions, upgradings, transfers, and rates of pay or other forms of compensation to ensure that minority group members and women are afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination.
- (b) At the request of the County contracting agency, the Contractor shall request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other agreement or understanding, to furnish a written statement that such employment agency, union, or representative will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or marital status and that such employment agency, labor union, or representative will affirmatively cooperate in the implementation of the Contractor's obligations herein.
- (c) The Contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, that, in the performance of the County Contract, all qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.
- (d) The Contractor shall make best efforts to solicit active participation by certified minority or women-owned business enterprises ("Certified M/WBEs") as defined in Section 101 of Local Law No. 14-2002, for the purpose of granting of Subcontracts.
- (e) The Contractor shall, in its advertisements and solicitations for Subcontractors, indicate its interest in receiving bids from Certified M/WBEs and the requirement that Subcontractors must be equal opportunity employers.
- (f) Contractors must notify and receive approval from the respective Department Head prior to issuing any Subcontracts and, at the time of requesting such authorization, must submit a signed Best Efforts Checklist.

- (g) Contractors for projects under the supervision of the County's Department of Public Works shall also submit a utilization plan listing all proposed Subcontractors so that, to the greatest extent feasible, all Subcontractors will be approved prior to commencement of work. Any additions or changes to the list of subcontractors under the utilization plan shall be approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works when made. A copy of the utilization plan and any additions or changes thereto shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Office of Minority Affairs simultaneously with the submission to the Department of Public Works.
- (h) At any time after Subcontractor approval has been requested and prior to being granted, the contracting agency may require the Contractor to submit Documentation Demonstrating Best Efforts to Obtain Certified Minority or Women-owned Business Enterprises. In addition, the contracting agency may require the Contractor to submit such documentation at any time after Subcontractor approval when the contracting agency has reasonable cause to believe that the existing Best Efforts Checklist may be inaccurate. Within ten working days (10) of any such request by the contracting agency, the Contractor must submit Documentation.
- (i) In the case where a request is made by the contracting agency or a Deputy County Executive acting on behalf of the contracting agency, the Contractor must, within two (2) working days of such request, submit evidence to demonstrate that it employed Best Efforts to obtain Certified M/WBE participation through proper documentation.
- (j) Award of a County Contract alone shall not be deemed or interpreted as approval of all Contractor's Subcontracts and Contractor's fulfillment of Best Efforts to obtain participation by Certified M/WBEs.
- (k) A Contractor shall maintain Documentation Demonstrating Best Efforts to Obtain Certified Minority or Women-owned Business Enterprises for a period of six (6) years. Failure to maintain such records shall be deemed failure to make Best Efforts to comply with this Appendix EE, evidence of false certification as M/WBE compliant or considered breach of the County Contract.
- (l) The Contractor shall be bound by the provisions of Section 109 of Local Law No. 14-2002 providing for enforcement of violations as follows:
  - a. Upon receipt by the Executive Director of a complaint from a contracting agency that a County Contractor has failed to comply with the provisions of Local Law No. 14-2002, this Appendix EE or any other contractual provisions included in furtherance of Local Law No. 14-2002, the Executive Director will try to resolve the matter.
  - b. If efforts to resolve such matter to the satisfaction of all parties are unsuccessful,

the Executive Director shall refer the matter, within thirty days (30) of receipt of the complaint, to the American Arbitration Association for proceeding thereon.

- c. Upon conclusion of the arbitration proceedings, the arbitrator shall submit to the Executive Director his recommendations regarding the imposition of sanctions, fines or penalties. The Executive Director shall either (i) adopt the recommendation of the arbitrator (ii) determine that no sanctions, fines or penalties should be imposed or (iii) modify the recommendation of the arbitrator, provided that such modification shall not expand upon any sanction recommended or impose any new sanction or increase the amount of any recommended fine or penalty. The Executive Director, within ten days (10) of receipt of the arbitrator's award and recommendations, shall file a determination of such matter and shall cause a copy of such determination to be served upon the respondent by personal service or by certified mail return receipt requested. The award of the arbitrator, and the fines and penalties imposed by the Executive Director, shall be final determinations and may only be vacated or modified as provided in the civil practice law and rules ("CPLR").

- (m) The contractor shall provide contracting agency with information regarding all subcontracts awarded under any County Contract, including the amount of compensation paid to each Subcontractor and shall complete all forms provided by the Executive Director or the Department Head relating to subcontractor utilization and efforts to obtain M/WBE participation.

Failure to comply with provisions (a) through (m) above, as ultimately determined by the Executive Director, shall be a material breach of the contract constituting grounds for immediate termination. Once a final determination of failure to comply has been reached by the Executive Director, the determination of whether to terminate a contract shall rest with the Deputy County Executive with oversight responsibility for the contracting agency.

Provisions (a), (b) and (c) shall not be binding upon Contractors or Subcontractors in the performance of work or the provision of services or any other activity that are unrelated, separate, or distinct from the County Contract as expressed by its terms.

The requirements of the provisions (a), (b) and (c) shall not apply to any employment or application for employment outside of this County or solicitations or advertisements therefor or any existing programs of affirmative action regarding employment outside of this County and the effect of contract provisions required by these provisions (a), (b) and (c) shall be so limited.

The Contractor shall include provisions (a), (b) and (c) in every Subcontract in such a manner that these provisions shall be binding upon each Subcontractor as to work in connection with the County Contract.

As used in this Appendix EE the term "Best Efforts Checklist" shall mean a list signed by the Contractor, listing the procedures it has undertaken to procure Subcontractors in accordance with this Appendix EE.

As used in this Appendix EE the term "County Contract" shall mean (i) a written agreement or purchase order instrument, providing for a total expenditure in excess of twenty-five thousand

dollars (\$25,000), whereby a County contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds in return for labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing, to be performed for, or rendered or furnished to the County; or (ii) a written agreement in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), whereby a County contracting agency is committed to expend or does expend funds for the acquisition, construction, demolition, replacement, major repair or renovation of real property and improvements thereon. However, the term "County Contract" does not include agreements or orders for the following services: banking services, insurance policies or contracts, or contracts with a County contracting agency for the sale of bonds, notes or other securities.

As used in this Appendix EE the term "County Contractor" means an individual, business enterprise, including sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, not-for-profit corporation, or any other person or entity other than the County, whether a contractor, licensor, licensee or any other party, that is (i) a party to a County Contract, (ii) a bidder in connection with the award of a County Contract, or (iii) a proposed party to a County Contract, but shall not include any Subcontractor.

As used in this Appendix EE the term "County Contractor" shall mean a person or firm who will manage and be responsible for an entire contracted project.

As used in this Appendix EE "Documentation Demonstrating Best Efforts to Obtain Certified Minority or Women-owned Business Enterprises" shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- a. Proof of having advertised for bids, where appropriate, in minority publications, trade newspapers/notices and magazines, trade and union publications, and publications of general circulation in Nassau County and surrounding areas or having verbally solicited M/WBEs whom the County Contractor reasonably believed might have the qualifications to do the work. A copy of the advertisement, if used, shall be included to demonstrate that it contained language indicating that the County Contractor welcomed bids and quotes from M/WBE Subcontractors. In addition, proof of the date(s) any such advertisements appeared must be included in the Best Effort Documentation. If verbal solicitation is used, a County Contractor's affidavit with a notary's signature and stamp shall be required as part of the documentation.
- b. Proof of having provided reasonable time for M/WBE Subcontractors to respond to bid opportunities according to industry norms and standards. A chart outlining the schedule/time frame used to obtain bids from M/WBEs is suggested to be included with the Best Effort Documentation
- c. Proof or affidavit of follow-up of telephone calls with potential M/WBE subcontractors encouraging their participation. Telephone logs indicating such action can be included with the Best Effort Documentation
- d. Proof or affidavit that M/WBE Subcontractors were allowed to review bid specifications, blueprints and all other bid/RFP related items at no charge to the M/WBEs, other than reasonable documentation costs incurred by the County Contractor that are passed onto the M/WBE.

- e. Proof or affidavit that sufficient time prior to making award was allowed for M/WBEs to participate effectively, to the extent practicable given the timeframe of the County Contract.
- f. Proof or affidavit that negotiations were held in good faith with interested M/WBEs, and that M/WBEs were not rejected as unqualified or unacceptable without sound business reasons based on (1) a thorough investigation of M/WBE qualifications and capabilities reviewed against industry custom and standards and (2) cost of performance. The basis for rejecting any M/WBE deemed unqualified by the County Contractor shall be included in the Best Effort Documentation
- g. If an M/WBE is rejected based on cost, the County Contractor must submit a list of all sub-bidders for each item of work solicited and their bid prices for the work.
- h. The conditions of performance expected of Subcontractors by the County Contractor must also be included with the Best Effort Documentation
- i. County Contractors may include any other type of documentation they feel necessary to further demonstrate their Best Efforts regarding their bid documents.

As used in this Appendix EE the term "Executive Director" shall mean the Executive Director of the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs; provided, however, that Executive Director shall include a designee of the Executive Director except in the case of final determinations issued pursuant to Section (a) through (l) of these rules.

As used in this Appendix EE the term "Subcontract" shall mean an agreement consisting of part or parts of the contracted work of the County Contractor.

As used in this Appendix EE, the term "Subcontractor" shall mean a person or firm who performs part or parts of the contracted work of a prime contractor providing services, including construction services, to the County pursuant to a county contract. Subcontractor shall include a person or firm that provides labor, professional or other services, materials or supplies to a prime contractor that are necessary for the prime contractor to fulfill its obligations to provide services to the County pursuant to a county contract. Subcontractor shall not include a supplier of materials to a contractor who has contracted to provide goods but no services to the County, nor a supplier of incidental materials to a contractor, such as office supplies, tools and other items of nominal cost that are utilized in the performance of a service contract.

Provisions requiring contractors to retain or submit documentation of best efforts to utilize certified subcontractors and requiring Department head approval prior to subcontracting shall not apply to inter-governmental agreements. In addition, the tracking of expenditures of County dollars by not-for-profit corporations, other municipalities, States, or the federal government is not required.

Appendix L  
Certificate of Compliance

In compliance with Local Law 1-2006, as amended (the "Law"), Counsel hereby certifies the following:

1. The chief executive officer of Contractor is:

Peter A. Bee (Name)

170 Old Country Road, Ste. 200, Mineola, New York, 11501 (Address)

516-746-5599 (Telephone Number)

2. The Contractor agrees to either (1) comply with the requirements of the Nassau County Living Wage Law or (2) as applicable, obtain a waiver of the requirements of the Law pursuant to section 9 of the Law. In the event that the Contractor does not comply with the requirements of the Law or obtain a waiver of the requirements of the Law, and such Contractor establishes to the satisfaction of the Department that at the time of execution of this Agreement, it had a reasonable certainty that it would receive such waiver based on the Law and Rules pertaining to waivers, the County will agree to terminate the contract without imposing costs or seeking damages against the Contractor
3. In the past five years, Contractor \_\_\_\_\_ has X has not been found by a court or a government agency to have violated federal, state, or local laws regulating payment of wages or benefits, labor relations, or occupational safety and health. If a violation has been assessed against the Contractor, describe below:

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4. In the past five years, an administrative proceeding, investigation, or government body-initiated judicial action \_\_\_\_\_ has X has not been commenced against or relating to the

Contractor in connection with federal, state, or local laws regulating payment of wages or benefits, labor relations, or occupational safety and health. If such a proceeding, action, or investigation has been commenced, describe below:

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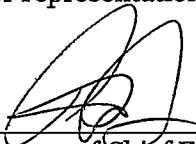
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5. Contractor agrees to permit access to work sites and relevant payroll records by authorized County representatives for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the Living Wage Law and investigating employee complaints of noncompliance.

I hereby certify that I have read the foregoing statement and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete. Any statement or representation made herein shall be accurate and true as of the date stated below.


11/27/23  
Dated

  
Signature of Chief Executive Officer

Peter A. Bee  
Name of Chief Executive Officer

Sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023

  
Notary Public

MARIA G. FERRI  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01FE4908627  
Qualified in Nassau County  
Comm. Expires December 12, 2025



## Nassau County Interim Finance Authority

### **Contract Approval Request Form (As of January 1, 2015)**

**1. Vendor: Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP**

**2. Amount requiring NIFA approval: \$76,750.00**

**Amount to be encumbered: \$76,750.00**

Slip Type: New

If new contract - \$ amount should be full amount of contract

If advisement - NIFA only needs to review if it is increasing funds above the amount previously approved by NIFA

If amendment - \$ amount should be full amount of amendment only

**3. Contract Term: to September 8, 2023, to completion of services.**

Has work or services on this contract commenced? Yes

If yes, please explain: The case covered by this agreement involves active litigation.

**4. Funding Source:**

General Fund (GEN)	X	Grant Fund (GRT)
Capital Improvement Fund (CAP)		Other
Federal %	0	
State %	0	
County %	100	

Is the cash available for the full amount of the contract? Yes

If not, will it require a future borrowing? No

Has the County Legislature approved the borrowing? N/A

Has NIFA approved the borrowing for this contract? N/A

**5. Provide a brief description (4 to 5 sentences) of the item for which this approval is requested:**

This is a new contract with Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan LLP ("Counsel"), the special counsel firm selected to represent the County in the matter known as David Knudson v. County of Nassau, et. al., EDNY Docket No. 21-cv-0058 (GRB)(ARL), a §1983 case in which Plaintiff alleges failure to intervene, deliberate indifference to safety and medical treatment and other related contentions.

**6. Has the item requested herein followed all proper procedures and thereby approved by the:**

Nassau County Attorney as to form Yes

Nassau County Committee and/or Legislature

**Date of approval(s) and citation to the resolution where approval for this item was provided:**

**7. Identify all contracts (with dollar amounts) with this or an affiliated party within the prior 12 months:**

Contract ID	Posting Date	Amount Added in Prior 12 Months
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## AUTHORIZATION

To the best of my knowledge, I hereby certify that the information contained in this Contract Approval Request Form and any additional information submitted in connection with this request is true and accurate and that all expenditures that will be made in reliance on this authorization are in conformance with the Nassau County Approved Budget and not in conflict with the Nassau County Multi-Year Financial Plan. I understand that NIFA will rely upon this information in its official deliberations.

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02/22/2024

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**Authenticated User**

**Date**

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## COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

To the best of my knowledge, I hereby certify that the information listed is true and accurate and is in conformance with the Nassau County Approved Budget and not in conflict with the Nassau County Multi-Year Financial Plan.

Regarding funding, please check the correct response:

I certify that the funds are available to be encumbered pending NIFA approval of this contract.

**If this is a capital project:**

I certify that the bonding for this contract has been approved by NIFA.

Budget is available and funds have been encumbered but the project requires NIFA bonding authorization.

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**Authenticated User**

**Date**

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## NIFA

Amount being approved by NIFA:

Payment is not guaranteed for any work commenced prior to this approval.

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**Authenticated User**

**Date**

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**NOTE: All contract submissions MUST include the County's own routing slip, current NIFS printouts for all relevant accounts and relevant Nassau County Legislature communication documents and relevant supplemental information pertaining to the item requested herein.**

**NIFA Contract Approval Request Form MUST be filled out in its entirety before being submitted to NIFA for review.**

**NIFA reserves the right to request additional information as needed.**



COUNTY OF NASSAU

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

1. Has the vendor or any corporate officers of the vendor provided campaign contributions pursuant to the New York State Election Law in (a) the period beginning April 1, 2016 and ending on the date of this disclosure, or (b), beginning April 1, 2018, the period beginning two years prior to the date of this disclosure and ending on the date of this disclosure, to the campaign committees of any of the following Nassau County elected officials or to the campaign committees of any candidates for any of the following Nassau County elected offices: the County Executive, the County Clerk, the Comptroller, the District Attorney, or any County Legislator?

YES ☒ NO ☐ If yes, to what campaign committee?

Maureen O'Connell for County Clerk  
Bruce Blakeman 2021  
Friends of Meagan McCarty  
Citizens for Nicolello  
Friends of Laura Schaefer  
Friends of Vincent T. Muscarella  
Friends for Steven Rhoads  
Pete King for Congress  
Friends of John Giuffre  
Friends of Jeanine Driscoll  
Friends of Samantha Goetz

Electronically signed and certified at the date and time indicated by:

Peter A. Bee [PBEE@BEEREADYLAW.COM]

Dated: 11/29/2023 11:27:47 am

Vendor: Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

Title: Partner

## PRINCIPAL QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

All questions on these questionnaires must be answered by all officers and any individuals who hold a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest in the proposer. Answers typewritten or printed in ink. If you need more space to answer any question, make as many photocopies of the appropriate page(s) as necessary and attach them to the questionnaire.

COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY. FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE MAY MEAN THAT YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL WILL BE REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE AND IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD

1. Principal Name: Peter A. Bee  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Country: US

Business Address: 170 Old Country Road  
City: Mineola State/Province/Territory: NY Zip/Postal Code: 11501  
Country: US  
Telephone: (516) 746-5599

Other present address(es):  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: US  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

List of other addresses and telephone numbers attached

2. Positions held in submitting business and starting date of each (check all applicable)

President	_____	Treasurer	_____
Chairman of Board	_____	Shareholder	_____
Chief Exec. Officer	_____	Secretary	_____
Chief Financial Officer	_____	Partner	<u>03/01/1977</u>
Vice President	_____		
(Other)	_____		

3. Do you have an equity interest in the business submitting the questionnaire?

YES ☒ NO ☐ If Yes, provide details.

50% owner

4. Are there any outstanding loans, guarantees or any other form of security or lease or any other type of contribution made in whole or in part between you and the business submitting the questionnaire?

YES ☒ NO ☐ If Yes, provide details.

As equity partner, personally liable on certain firm obligations

5. Within the past 3 years, have you been a principal owner or officer of any business or notfor-profit organization other than the one submitting the questionnaire?  
YES ☒ NO ☐ If Yes, provide details.

VP & 50% owner of Executive Settlement Company LLC, 170 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501

6. Has any governmental entity awarded any contracts to a business or organization listed in Section 5 in the past 3 years while you were a principal owner or officer?  
YES ☐ NO ☒ If Yes, provide details.

NOTE: An affirmative answer is required below whether the sanction arose automatically, by operation of law, or as a result of any action taken by a government agency. Provide a detailed response to all questions checked "YES". If you need more space, photocopy the appropriate page and attach it to the questionnaire.

7. In the past (5) years, have you and/or any affiliated businesses or not-for-profit organizations listed in Section 5 in which you have been a principal owner or officer:

- a. Been debarred by any government agency from entering into contracts with that agency?  
YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- b. Been declared in default and/or terminated for cause on any contract, and/or had any contracts cancelled for cause?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- c. Been denied the award of a contract and/or the opportunity to bid on a contract, including, but not limited to, failure to meet pre-qualification standards?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- d. Been suspended by any government agency from entering into any contract with it; and/or is any action pending that could formally debar or otherwise affect such business's ability to bid or propose on contract?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

8. Have any of the businesses or organizations listed in response to Question 5 filed a bankruptcy petition and/or been the subject of involuntary bankruptcy proceedings during the past 7 years, and/or for any portion of the last 7 year period, been in a state of bankruptcy as a result of bankruptcy proceedings initiated more than 7 years ago and/or is any such business now the subject of any pending bankruptcy proceedings, whenever initiated?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If 'Yes', provide details for each such instance. (Provide a detailed response to all questions check "Yes". If you need more space, photocopy the appropriate page and attached it to the questionnaire.)

9.

- a. Is there any felony charge pending against you?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

b. Is there any misdemeanor charge pending against you?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

c. Is there any administrative charge pending against you?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

d. In the past 10 years, have you been convicted, after trial or by plea, of any felony, or of any other crime, an element of which relates to truthfulness or the underlying facts of which related to the conduct of business?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

e. In the past 5 years, have you been convicted, after trial or by plea, of a misdemeanor?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

f. In the past 5 years, have you been found in violation of any administrative or statutory charges?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

10 In addition to the information provided in response to the previous questions, in the past 5 years, have you been the subject of a criminal investigation and/or a civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or the subject of an investigation where such investigation was related to activities performed at, for, or on behalf of the submitting business entity and/or an affiliated business listed in response to Question 5?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

11 In addition to the information provided, in the past 5 years has any business or organization listed in response to Question 5, been the subject of a criminal investigation and/or a civil anti-trust investigation and/or any other type of investigation by any government agency, including but not limited to federal, state, and local regulatory agencies while you were a principal owner or officer?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

12 In the past 5 years, have you or this business, or any other affiliated business listed in response to Question 5 had any sanction imposed as a result of judicial or administrative proceedings with respect to any professional license held?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

13 For the past 5 tax years, have you failed to file any required tax returns or failed to pay any applicable federal, state or local taxes or other assessed charges, including but not limited to water and sewer charges?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

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Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

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Name of submitting business

Electronically signed and certified at the date and time indicated by:

Peter A. Bee PBEE@BEEREADYLAW.COM

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Partner

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Title

11/28/2023 02:46:07 pm

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Date

## PRINCIPAL QUESTIONNAIRE FORM

All questions on these questionnaires must be answered by all officers and any individuals who hold a ten percent (10%) or greater ownership interest in the proposer. Answers typewritten or printed in ink. If you need more space to answer any question, make as many photocopies of the appropriate page(s) as necessary and attach them to the questionnaire.

COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY. FAILURE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE QUESTIONNAIRE MAY MEAN THAT YOUR BID OR PROPOSAL WILL BE REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE AND IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD

1. Principal Name: Richard P. Ready  
Date of birth: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Country: US

Business Address: 170 Old Country Road, Ste. 200  
City: Mineola State/Province/Territory: NY Zip/Postal Code: 11501  
Country: US  
Telephone: (516) 746-5599

Other present address(es):  
City: State/Province/Territory: Zip/Postal Code:  
Country:  
Telephone:

List of other addresses and telephone numbers attached

2. Positions held in submitting business and starting date of each (check all applicable)

President		Treasurer	
Chairman of Board		Shareholder	
Chief Exec. Officer		Secretary	
Chief Financial Officer		Partner	03/01/1995
Vice President			
(Other)			

3. Do you have an equity interest in the business submitting the questionnaire?

YES [X] NO [ ] If Yes, provide details.

50% equity interest in the law firm.

4. Are there any outstanding loans, guarantees or any other form of security or lease or any other type of contribution made in whole or in part between you and the business submitting the questionnaire?

YES [ ] NO [X] If Yes, provide details.

5. Within the past 3 years, have you been a principal owner or officer of any business or notfor-profit organization other than the one submitting the questionnaire?  
YES ☒ NO ☐ If Yes, provide details.

50% owner - Executive Settlement Company, LLC

6. Has any governmental entity awarded any contracts to a business or organization listed in Section 5 in the past 3 years while you were a principal owner or officer?  
YES ☐ NO ☒ If Yes, provide details.

NOTE: An affirmative answer is required below whether the sanction arose automatically, by operation of law, or as a result of any action taken by a government agency. Provide a detailed response to all questions checked "YES". If you need more space, photocopy the appropriate page and attach it to the questionnaire.

7. In the past (5) years, have you and/or any affiliated businesses or not-for-profit organizations listed in Section 5 in which you have been a principal owner or officer:

- a. Been debarred by any government agency from entering into contracts with that agency?  
YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- b. Been declared in default and/or terminated for cause on any contract, and/or had any contracts cancelled for cause?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- c. Been denied the award of a contract and/or the opportunity to bid on a contract, including, but not limited to, failure to meet pre-qualification standards?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- d. Been suspended by any government agency from entering into any contract with it; and/or is any action pending that could formally debar or otherwise affect such business's ability to bid or propose on contract?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

8. Have any of the businesses or organizations listed in response to Question 5 filed a bankruptcy petition and/or been the subject of involuntary bankruptcy proceedings during the past 7 years, and/or for any portion of the last 7 year period, been in a state of bankruptcy as a result of bankruptcy proceedings initiated more than 7 years ago and/or is any such business now the subject of any pending bankruptcy proceedings, whenever initiated?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If 'Yes', provide details for each such instance. (Provide a detailed response to all questions check "Yes". If you need more space, photocopy the appropriate page and attached it to the questionnaire.)

9.

- a. Is there any felony charge pending against you?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.



b. Is there any misdemeanor charge pending against you?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

c. Is there any administrative charge pending against you?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

d. In the past 10 years, have you been convicted, after trial or by plea, of any felony, or of any other crime, an element of which relates to truthfulness or the underlying facts of which related to the conduct of business?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

e. In the past 5 years, have you been convicted, after trial or by plea, of a misdemeanor?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

f. In the past 5 years, have you been found in violation of any administrative or statutory charges?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

10 In addition to the information provided in response to the previous questions, in the past 5 years, have you been the subject of a criminal investigation and/or a civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency and/or the subject of an investigation where such investigation was related to activities performed at, for, or on behalf of the submitting business entity and/or an affiliated business listed in response to Question 5?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

11 In addition to the information provided, in the past 5 years has any business or organization listed in response to Question 5, been the subject of a criminal investigation and/or a civil anti-trust investigation and/or any other type of investigation by any government agency, including but not limited to federal, state, and local regulatory agencies while you were a principal owner or officer?

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12 In the past 5 years, have you or this business, or any other affiliated business listed in response to Question 5 had any sanction imposed as a result of judicial or administrative proceedings with respect to any professional license held?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

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YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

I, Richard P. Ready , hereby acknowledge that a materially false statement willfully or fraudulently made in connection with this form may result in rendering the submitting business entity and/or any affiliated entities non-responsible, and, in addition, may subject me to criminal charges.

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Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

Name of submitting business

Electronically signed and certified at the date and time indicated by:

Richard P. Ready RREADY@BEEREADYLAW.COM

Partner

Title

11/29/2023 11:04:18 am

Date

### **Business History Form**

The contract shall be awarded to the responsible proposer who, at the discretion of the County, taking into consideration the reliability of the proposer and the capacity of the proposer to perform the services required by the County, offers the best value to the County and who will best promote the public interest.

In addition to the submission of proposals, each proposer shall complete and submit this questionnaire. The questionnaire shall be filled out by the owner of a sole proprietorship or by an authorized representative of the firm, corporation or partnership submitting the Proposal.

**NOTE: All questions require a response, even if response is "none" or "not-applicable." No blanks.**

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY TO FULLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS).

Date: 11/28/2023

1) Proposer's Legal Name: Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

2) Address of Place of Business: 170 Old Country Road, Ste. 200

City: Mineola State/Province/Territory: NY Zip/Postal Code: 11501

Country: US

3) Mailing Address (if different): None

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the business own or rent its facilities? Rent If other, please provide details:

\_\_\_\_\_

4) Dun and Bradstreet number: N/A

5) Federal I.D. Number: [REDACTED]

6) The proposer is a: Partnership (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

7) Does this business share office space, staff, or equipment expenses with any other business?

YES [X] NO [ ] If yes, please provide details:

Executive Settlement Company, LLC

8) Does this business control one or more other businesses?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, please provide details:

- 9) Does this business have one or more affiliates, and/or is it a subsidiary of, or controlled by, any other business?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, please provide details:

- 10) Has the proposer ever had a bond or surety cancelled or forfeited, or a contract with Nassau County or any other government entity terminated?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, state the name of bonding agency, (if a bond), date, amount of bond and reason for such cancellation or forfeiture: or details regarding the termination (if a contract).

- 11) Has the proposer, during the past seven years, been declared bankrupt?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, state date, court jurisdiction, amount of liabilities and amount of assets

- 12) In the past five years, has this business and/or any of its owners and/or officers and/or any affiliated business, been the subject of a criminal investigation and/or a civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency? And/or, in the past 5 years, have any owner and/or officer of any affiliated business been the subject of a criminal investigation and/or a civil anti-trust investigation by any federal, state or local prosecuting or investigative agency, where such investigation was related to activities performed at, for, or on behalf of an affiliated business.

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- 13) In the past 5 years, has this business and/or any of its owners and/or officers and/or any affiliated business been the subject of an investigation by any government agency, including but not limited to federal, state and local regulatory agencies? And/or, in the past 5 years, has any owner and/or officer of an affiliated business been the subject of an investigation by any government agency, including but not limited to federal, state and local regulatory agencies, for matters pertaining to that individual's position at or relationship to an affiliated business.

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- 14) Has any current or former director, owner or officer or managerial employee of this business had, either before or during such person's employment, or since such employment if the charges pertained to events that allegedly occurred during the time of employment by the submitting business, and allegedly related to the conduct of that business:

a) Any felony charge pending?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

b) Any misdemeanor charge pending?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

c) In the past 10 years, you been convicted, after trial or by plea, of any felony and/or any other crime, an element of which relates to truthfulness or the underlying facts of which related to the conduct of business?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

d) In the past 5 years, been convicted, after trial or by plea, of a misdemeanor?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

e) In the past 5 years, been found in violation of any administrative, statutory, or regulatory provisions?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- 15) In the past (5) years, has this business or any of its owners or officers, or any other affiliated business had any sanction imposed as a result of judicial or administrative proceedings with respect to any professional license held?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such investigation, an explanation of the circumstances and corrective action taken.

- 16) For the past (5) tax years, has this business failed to file any required tax returns or failed to pay any applicable federal, state or local taxes or other assessed charges, including but not limited to water and sewer charges?

YES ☐ NO ☒ If yes, provide details for each such year. Provide a detailed response to all questions checked 'YES'. If you need more space, photocopy the appropriate page and attach it to the questionnaire.

- 17) Conflict of Interest:

- a) Please disclose any conflicts of interest as outlined below. NOTE: If no conflicts exist, please expressly state "No conflict exists."

(i) Any material financial relationships that your firm or any firm employee has that may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in acting on behalf of Nassau County.

No conflict exists

(ii) Any family relationship that any employee of your firm has with any County public servant that may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in acting on behalf of Nassau County.

No conflict exists

(iii) Any other matter that your firm believes may create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in acting on behalf of Nassau County.

No conflict exists except for instances wherein this firm represents a co-defendant in litigation and a cross-claim against the County may be appropriate. In all such cases, this office would obtain a waiver from respective clients before proceeding.

- b) Please describe any procedures your firm has, or would adopt, to assure the County that a conflict of interest would not exist for your firm in the future.

This firm utilizes both a manual and computer based program to review for any conflict of issue questions.

- A. Include a resume or detailed description of the Proposer's professional qualifications, demonstrating extensive experience in your profession. Any prior similar experiences, and the results of these experiences, must be identified.

Have you previously uploaded the below information under in the Document Vault?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Is the proposer an individual?

YES ☐ NO ☒ Should the proposer be other than an individual, the Proposal MUST include:

- i) Date of formation;

03/01/1977

- ii) Name, addresses, and position of all persons having a financial interest in the company, including shareholders, members, general or limited partner. If none, explain.

Peter A. Bee, [REDACTED]

Richard P. Ready, [REDACTED]

- iii) Name, address and position of all officers and directors of the company. If none, explain.

Peter A. Bee, [REDACTED] - partner

Richard P. Ready, [REDACTED] - partner

- iv) State of incorporation (if applicable);

[REDACTED]

- v) The number of employees in the firm;

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- vi) Annual revenue of firm;

[REDACTED]

- vii) Summary of relevant accomplishments

N/A

- viii) Copies of all state and local licenses and permits.

- B. Indicate number of years in business.

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- C. Provide any other information which would be appropriate and helpful in determining the Proposer's capacity and reliability to perform these services.

N/A

- D. Provide names and addresses for no fewer than three references for whom the Proposer has provided similar services or who are qualified to evaluate the Proposer's capability to perform this work.

Company Town of Hempstead

Contact Person Joseph Nocella

Address	One Washington Street, Town Hall Plaza		
City	Hempstead	State/Province/Territory	NY
Country	US		
Telephone	(516) 812-3632		
Fax #			
E-Mail Address	josenoc@tohmail.org		

Company	Inc. Village of Garden City		
Contact Person	Ralph Suozzi		
Address	351 Stewart Avenue		
City	Garden City	State/Province/Territory	NY
Country	US		
Telephone	(516) 465-4000		
Fax #	(516) 742-5223		
E-Mail Address	rsuozzi@gardencityny.net		

Company	Village of Freeport		
Contact Person	Howard Colton		
Address	46 N. Ocean Avenue		
City	Freeport	State/Province/Territory	NY
Country	US		
Telephone	(516) 377-2393		
Fax #			
E-Mail Address	hcolton@freeportny.gov		

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Name of submitting business: Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

Electronically signed and certified at the date and time indicated by:  
Peter A. Bee PBEE@BEEREADYLAW.COM

Partner

Title

11/28/2023

Date



COUNTY OF NASSAU

CONSULTANT'S, CONTRACTOR'S AND VENDOR'S DISCLOSURE FORM

1. Name of the Entity: Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

Address: 170 Old Country Road, Ste. 200

City: Mineola State/Province/Territory: NY Zip/Postal Code: 11501

Country: US

2. Entity's Vendor Identification Number: [REDACTED]

3. Type of Business: Other (specify) Limited Liability Partnership

4. List names and addresses of all principals; that is, all individuals serving on the Board of Directors or comparable body, all partners and limited partners, all corporate officers, all parties of Joint Ventures, and all members and officers of limited liability companies (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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First Name	Peter				
Last Name	Bee				
MI	A		Suffix		
Address	[REDACTED]				
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Country	US				
Position	partner				

First Name	Richard				
Last Name	Ready				
MI	P		Suffix		
Address	[REDACTED]				
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Country	US				
Position	Partner				

5. List names and addresses of all shareholders, members, or partners of the firm. If the shareholder is not an individual, list the individual shareholders/partners/members. If a Publicly held Corporation, include a copy of the 10K in lieu of completing this section.

If none, explain.

Same as above

6. List all affiliated and related companies and their relationship to the firm entered on line 1. above (if none, enter "None"). Attach a separate disclosure form for each affiliated or subsidiary company that may take part in the performance of this contract. Such disclosure shall be updated to include affiliated or subsidiary companies not previously disclosed that participate in the performance of the contract.

Executive Settlement, LLC

7. List all lobbyists whose services were utilized at any stage in this matter (i.e., pre-bid, bid, post-bid, etc.). If none, enter "None." The term "lobbyist" means any and every person or organization retained, employed or designated by any client to influence - or promote a matter before - Nassau County, its agencies, boards, commissions, department heads, legislators or committees, including but not limited to the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee and Planning Commission. Such matters include, but are not limited to, requests for proposals, development or improvement of real property subject to County regulation, procurements. The term "lobbyist" does not include any officer, director, trustee, employee, counsel or agent of the County of Nassau, or State of New York, when discharging his or her official duties.

Are there lobbyists involved in this matter?

YES [ ] NO [X]

(a) Name, title, business address and telephone number of lobbyist(s):

None

(b) Describe lobbying activity of each lobbyist. See below for a complete description of lobbying activities.

None

(c) List whether and where the person/organization is registered as a lobbyist (e.g., Nassau County, New York State):

None

8. VERIFICATION: This section must be signed by a principal of the consultant, contractor or Vendor authorized as a signatory of the firm for the purpose of executing Contracts.

The undersigned affirms and so swears that he/she has read and understood the foregoing statements and they are, to his/her knowledge, true and accurate.

Electronically signed and certified at the date and time indicated by:

Laura L. Hansen [LHANSEN@BEEREADYLAWS.COM]

Dated: 11/28/2023 02:18:43 pm

Title: Office Manager

**The term lobbying shall mean any attempt to influence:** any determination made by the Nassau County Legislature, or any member thereof, with respect to the introduction, passage, defeat, or substance of any local legislation or resolution; any determination by the County Executive to support, oppose, approve or disapprove any local legislation or resolution, whether or not such legislation has been introduced in the County Legislature; any determination by an elected County official or an officer or employee of the County with respect to the procurement of goods, services or construction, including the preparation of contract specifications, including by not limited to the preparation of requests for proposals, or solicitation, award or administration of a contract or with respect to the solicitation, award or administration of a grant, loan, or agreement involving the disbursement of public monies; any determination made by the County Executive, County Legislature, or by the County of Nassau, its agencies, boards, commissions, department heads or committees, including but not limited to the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, with respect to the zoning, use, development or improvement of real property subject to County regulation, or any agencies, boards, commissions, department heads or committees with respect to requests for proposals, bidding, procurement or contracting for services for the County; any determination made by an elected county official or an officer or employee of the county with respect to the terms of the acquisition or disposition by the county of any interest in real property, with respect to a license or permit for the use of real property of or by the county, or with respect to a franchise, concession or revocable consent; the proposal, adoption, amendment or rejection by an agency of any rule having the force and effect of law; the decision to hold, timing or outcome of any rate making proceeding before an agency; the agenda or any determination of a board or commission; any determination regarding the calendaring or scope of any legislature oversight hearing; the issuance, repeal, modification or substance of a County Executive Order; or any determination made by an elected county official or an officer or employee of the county to support or oppose any state or federal legislation, rule or regulation, including any determination made to support or oppose that is contingent on any amendment of such legislation, rule or regulation, whether or not such legislation has been formally introduced and whether or not such rule or regulation has been formally proposed.

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City, State and Zip Code: Mineola, NY 11501
2. Entity's Vendor Identification Number: [REDACTED]
3. Type of Business: ☐ Public Corp ☐ Partnership ☐ Joint Venture  
☐ Ltd. Liability Co ☐ Closely Held Corp ☒ LLP ☐ Other (specify)

4. List names and addresses of all principals; that is, all individuals serving on the Board of Directors or comparable body, all partners and limited partners, all corporate officers, all parties of Joint Ventures, and all members and officers of limited liability companies (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Peter A. Bee, [REDACTED]

Richard P. Ready, [REDACTED]

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See No. 4 above



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## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/21/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER <b>Alliance Brokerage Corp</b> 225 Broad Hollow Road Suite 106 Melville, NY 11747	CONTACT NAME: <b>John Pizzarelli</b>	
	PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): <b>(516) 465-1190</b>	FAX (A/C, No):
	E-MAIL ADDRESS: <b>jpizzarelli@abc990.com</b>	
	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	NAIC #
	INSURER A: <b>Twin City Fire Insurance Co</b>	<b>29459</b>
	INSURER B: <b>Hartford Fire Insurance Company</b>	<b>19682</b>
	INSURER C: <b>Travelers Casualty &amp; Surety of America</b>	<b>31194</b>
	INSURER D:	
	INSURER E:	
	INSURER F:	

INSURED  
**Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan LLP**  
170 Old Country Road  
Suite 200  
Mineola, NY 11501

## COVERAGES

## CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

## REVISION NUMBER:

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B	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below		N/A	12WECAD5JY8	6/25/2023	6/25/2024	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
C	Crime			107112504	6/25/2023	6/25/2024	\$25,000 Retention 2,500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)  
Certificate holder is included as additional insured as per written and executed contract.

## CERTIFICATE HOLDER

## CANCELLATION

Nassau County Attorney's Office  
1 West Street  
Mineola, NY 11501

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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



Workers'  
Compensation  
Board

## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE DISABILITY AND PAID FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS LAW

### PART 1. To be completed by Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Carrier or Licensed Insurance Agent of that Carrier

1a. Legal Name & Address of Insured (use street address only)  Bee Ready Fishbein Haller & Donovan LLP 170 Old Country Road Mineola, NY 11501  Work Location of Insured (Only required if coverage is specifically limited to certain locations in New York State, i.e., Wrap-Up Policy)	1b. Business Telephone Number of Insured  516-746-5599  1c. Federal Employer Identification Number of Insured or Social Security Number  [REDACTED]
2. Name and Address of Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage (Entity Being Listed as the Certificate Holder)  Nassau County Attorney's Office 1 West Street Mineola, NY 11501	3a. Name of Insurance Carrier  First Unum Life Insurance Company  3b. Policy Number of Entity Listed in Box "1a"  935015  3c. Policy effective period  01/01/2024 to 01/01/2025

4. Policy provides the following benefits:

- ☒ A. Both disability and paid family leave benefits.  
☐ B. Disability benefits only.  
☐ C. Paid family leave benefits only.

5. Policy covers:

- ☒ A. All of the employer's employees eligible under the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law.  
☐ B. Only the following class or classes of employer's employees:

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Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am an authorized representative or licensed agent of the insurance carrier referenced above and that the named insured has NYS Disability and/or Paid Family Leave Benefits insurance coverage as described above.

Date Signed 01/09/2024

By

*Candace Morrison*

Candace Morrison  
CN=Candace Morrison, E=cmorrison@unum.com  
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(Signature of Insurance carrier's authorized representative or NYS Licensed Insurance Agent of that Insurance carrier)

Telephone Number 1-800-ASK-UNUM

Name and Title Candace Morrison, DBL Specialist

**IMPORTANT:** If Boxes 4A and 5A are checked, and this form is signed by the insurance carrier's authorized representative or NYS Licensed Insurance Agent of that carrier, this certificate is COMPLETE. Mail it directly to the certificate holder.

If Box 4B, 4C or 5B is checked, this certificate is NOT COMPLETE for purposes of Section 220, Subd. 8 of the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law. It must be mailed for completion to the Workers' Compensation Board, Plans Acceptance Unit, PO Box 5200, Binghamton, NY 13902-5200.

### PART 2. To be completed by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board (Only if Box 4C or 5B of Part 1 has been checked)

#### State of New York Workers' Compensation Board

According to information maintained by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board, the above-named employer has complied with the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law with respect to all of his/her employees.

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Authorized NYS Workers' Compensation Board Employee)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Only insurance carriers licensed to write NYS disability and paid family leave benefits insurance policies and NYS licensed insurance agents of those insurance carriers are authorized to issue Form DB-120.1. Insurance brokers are NOT authorized to issue this form.



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## CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/1/2023

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

**IMPORTANT:** If the certificate holder is an **ADDITIONAL INSURED**, the policy(ies) must have **ADDITIONAL INSURED** provisions or be endorsed. If **SUBROGATION IS WAIVED**, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

<b>PRODUCER</b> NFP Property & Casualty Services, Inc. 46 Executive Drive Plainview, NY 11803	<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> Amie Wright	
	<b>PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):</b> (802) 521-1975	<b>FAX (A/C, No):</b> (802) 888-6278
	<b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b> amie.wright@nfp.com	
<b>INSURED</b>  Boe Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP 170 Old Country Road Mineola, NY 11501	<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b>	
	<b>INSURER A:</b> Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	
	<b>INSURER B:</b>	
	<b>INSURER C:</b>	
	<b>INSURER D:</b>	
	<b>INSURER E:</b>	
	<b>INSURER F:</b>	
	<b>NAIC #</b> 21873	

## COVERAGES

## CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

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A	E&O/Professional Lia			USF00562223	12/7/2023	12/7/2024	Per Claim/Aggregate 5,000,000
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**BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN**  
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County Attorney

**COUNTY OF NASSAU  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**TO: Robert Cleary**  
**Director of Procurement Compliance**

**FROM: Mary J. Nori**  
**Assistant County Attorney**


**DATE: February 21, 2024**

**SUBJECT: Delay Memo – Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan LLP**

The purpose of this memo is to explain the delay in processing a new contract between the County and Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan LLP (“Counsel”), the special counsel firm selected to represent the County the *Knudson v. County of Nassau, et al.*, EDNY Docket No. 21-cv-00582 (GRB)(ARL) case.

The term of this agreement commenced on September 8, 2023. The contract was signed by Counsel on November 27, 2023, and returned, at which time the contract started routing for approval.

I trust this memorandum satisfies your inquiry, however, please do not hesitate to contact this office should you have any additional questions.

  
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Mary J. Nori  
Assistant County Attorney