

AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ACCREDITATION SERVICES FOR THE SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD (PHAB) CONTRACT #: CY-XS-0021-23R ONE YEAR CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this resolution such certification on file with the Clerk of the Board and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted temporary budget of the County of Somerset, line item (02-213-23-797-699-280) in the amount of \$510,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset properly advertised seeking Requests for Proposals to furnish professional services for Accreditation Services for the Somerset County Health Department to Achieve National Accreditation Through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for the County of Somerset in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset Purchasing Division did advertise for said services on the County Website, [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us) on July 24, 2023; and

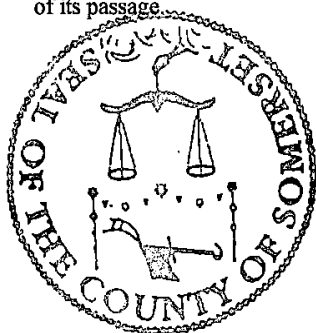
WHEREAS, two (2) sealed proposals were received and read in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. on August 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, of the aforesaid two (2) proposals were reviewed by an evaluation committee of officials from the Health Department; and the Proposal Review Committee recommends that the proposal as submitted by Ascendent Healthcare Advisors, 1335 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517 is qualified to provide the services required for Accreditation Services for the Somerset County Health Department to Achieve National Accreditation Through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for the County of Somerset; and


WHEREAS, the Proposal Review Committee recommends a contract be awarded to Ascendent Healthcare Advisors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset as follows:

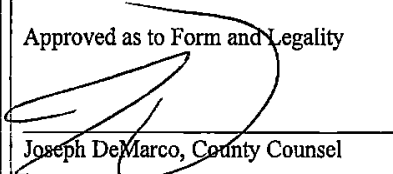
1. That the Director and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset are hereby authorized to enter into contract with Ascendent Healthcare Advisors to perform the aforesaid services and to be compensated in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in said contract, pursuant to the contract on file with the Clerk of the Board and approved as to form and content by County Counsel; and
2. That the engagement of the above named have been in conformance with a Fair and Open Process for Exempt Service exception, Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) Professional Services.
3. Neither party shall be responsible for any resulting loss or obligation to fulfill duties as specified in any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement if the fulfillment of any term or provision of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any revolutions, insurrections, riots, wars, acts of enemies, national emergencies, strikes, floods, fires, acts of God, or by any cause not within the control of party whose performance is interfered with which by the exercise of reasonable diligence such party is unable to prevent or in the event the County of Somerset is unable to obtain funding for the project for which this contract pertains or in the event the source of funding is curtailed by an act of any governmental body, including the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, if the fulfillment of any of the terms and provisions of this Agreement is delayed or prevented by any court order, or action or injunction or other such agreement, this Agreement shall become voidable by the County of Somerset by notice to each party.
4. A notice of this award shall be published in the Courier News as required by law within twenty (20) days of its passage.



I, Kelly L. Mager, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Somerset in the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by said Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting of December 12, 2023.

  
Kelly L. Mager, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form and Legality

  
Joseph DeMarco, County Counsel