

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0181

<p>Sponsored by: County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Law on behalf of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office</p>	<p>A Resolution making an award on RFQ24674 to Tucker Ellis LLP in the amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00 for outside legal services in connection with the Cuyahoga County Real Estate Property Portfolio Consolidation Project; directing the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor to file an application with the Court of Common Pleas for said retention in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14; authorizing the County Executive or Director of Law to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, the County Council has before it RFQ24674 for the retention of outside legal services for the Cuyahoga County Real Property Portfolio Consolidation Project; and,

WHEREAS, County Council has determined that awarding RFQ24674 to Tucker Ellis LLP is in the best interest of the County and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The County Council hereby makes an award on RFQ24674 to Tucker Ellis LLP at the hourly rate of \$195 for lawyers and \$100 for paralegals, in an amount not-to-exceed \$450,000.00, for outside counsel legal services in connection with the Cuyahoga County Real Property Consolidation Project and preparation of the County's standardized real-property templates.

SECTION 2. The County Council hereby directs the Cuyahoga County Prosecuting Attorney to submit an application to the Court of Common Pleas for authorization of the employment of said legal counsel in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 on behalf of Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 3. The County Executive or Director of Law is hereby authorized to execute a contract in connection with said award and all documents consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 4. For purposes of efficiency and better services to the County and its taxpayers, it is the intent of the Cuyahoga County Council to have Tucker Ellis LLP handle the entirety of the project. The County Council, however, reserves the right to qualify additional firms and make awards under RFQ24674 to additional firms who submitted statements of qualifications under this RFQ if doing so is deemed in the County's interest and the Director of Law so recommends as the project proceeds.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of a County entity. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

SECTION 6. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Ms. Simon, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Nays: None

Recusals: Schron

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date