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Jacques A. Howard
Assistant Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Daniel Williamson, Corporation Counsel
Marc Dashield, City Administrator
Jennifer Wenson Maier, Dir. PW&UD

From: Jacques A. Howard, Asst. Dir. ED

Date: August 13, 2007

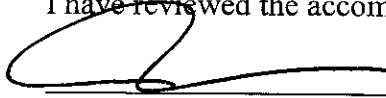
Re: Resolution Awarding a Bid and Authorizing a Construction Contract to Solid Rock Construction Corporation for the Rehabilitation of the City-Owned Condominium Cellar Space at 122-128 West Front Street.

The attached resolution requests council authorization to enter into a construction contract for the rehabilitation of the city-owned basement space located at 122-128 West Front Street (Tepper's) for an amount not to exceed \$459,000.00. The City published an advertisement for bids in the Star Ledger and Courier News on August 2, 2007. The City further held a pre-bid submission meeting on August 8 and facilitated a tour of the subject construction site the same day.

The bid opening was held on August 15, pursuant to applicable laws governing the publication and opening of bids. The respondent successful bidder was also the sole respondent. The circumstances of this contract require close coordination with various sub-trades to insure timely completion of the contract. The work to be performed includes mechanical systems, plumbing and electrical work, as well as fit-out of approximately 3,200 square feet of space in the basement of the former Tepper's Department Store.

Funding for this resolution will be drawn from a federal grant, B-00-SP-NJ-0251: **For the Redevelopment of the Tepper's Building**, under the FY2000 HUD Appropriations Act (P.L. 106-74) and account number 02-41-709-206-432. The funding allocation per funding source is \$427,000 from the federal grant and \$32,000 from municipal funds. The looming expiration of the federal funding and the City's need to expand office and operating space, requires immediate action towards the rehabilitation of the basement.

I have reviewed the accompanying resolution and attest to its accuracy and viability.

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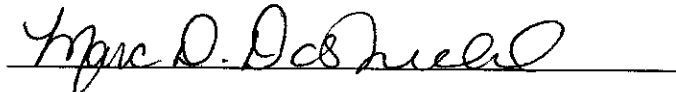
Jennifer Wenson Maier, Director of PW & UD/ED

Approved as to form

 8/17/07

Daniel A. Williamson, Corporation Counsel

Approved for placement on City Council Agenda



Marc Dashield, City Administrator

RESOLUTION TO AWARD A BID AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TEPPER'S BUILDING BASEMENT AT 122-128 WEST FRONT STREET TO SOLID ROCK CONSTRUCTION, CORPORATION, LOCATED AT 1200 PLAINFIELD AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060, NEW JERSEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$459,000.00

WHEREAS, invitations for proposals were solicited and duly advertised by Vincentsen Associates, LLC Architectural Consultants, 238 St. Paul Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 on August 2, 2007 for the rehabilitation of the City-owned basement space at 122-128 West Front Street; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received on August 15, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Library by Remington and Vernick, City Engineer, and Craig Smith, Purchasing Agent for the City of Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the results of the aforesaid opening were as follows:

Name and Address:

Solid Rock Construction Corporation
1200 Plainfield Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

WHEREAS, the City Engineer, Purchasing Agent, and Vincentsen Associates have reviewed the bids, and found the bid document to be in order; and

WHEREAS, Solid Rock Construction Corp. is the lowest responsible bidder and in a letter dated August 15, 2007 the City Engineer has recommended Solid Rock Construction Corporation as the successful respondent bidder; and

WHEREAS, in January, 2000, the City of Plainfield received a federal grant in the amount of \$462,500.00 from the US Department of Urban Development, Congressional Grants Division, Economic Development Initiative-Special Projects Program, B-00-SP-NJ-0251: For the Redevelopment of the Tepper's Building, under the FY2000 HUD Appropriations Act (P.L. 106-74). The City also accepted ownership of the basement space at the Tepper's building in 2005 with the intent of rehabilitating that space for use by the municipal government. The subject HUD award will be applied towards the rehabilitation of that space; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in the amount of \$427,000 from account number G-02-41-880-301-432 in the amount of \$427,000.00 from the Economic Development Initiative-Special Projects Program, B-00-SP-NJ-0251: For the Redevelopment of the Tepper's Building, and \$32,000.00 from account number 02-41-709-206-432 as evidenced by the Certificate of Sufficiency from the city Chief Financial Officer, attached hereto; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Plainfield that a contract is hereby awarded to Solid Rock Construction Corp. in the amount of \$459,000, pursuant to the bid specifications dated July 31, 2007;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said bidder be required to execute and deliver the contract, bond and all other documents as required by the specifications under which the bid was made within the time required by the specifications and thereupon the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign, seal and execute such contract.

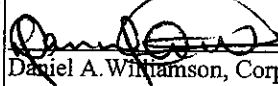
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, and duly executed copy of the contract be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by the City Council

August 22, 2007

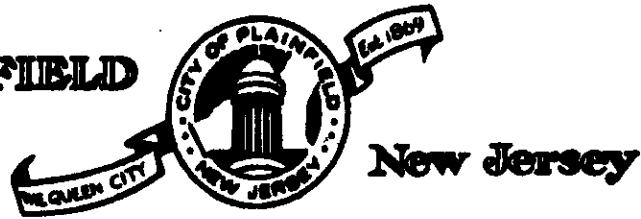
Laddie Wyatt, City Clerk

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Daniel A. Williamson, Corporation Counsel

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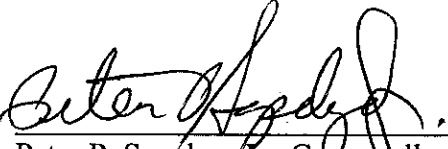
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CERTIFICATION AS TO AVAILABLE FUNDING

I, Peter P. Sepelya, Jr. Chief Financial Officer of the City of Plainfield, do hereby certify that funds are available from the City of Plainfield grant budget account number G-02-41-880-301-432 in an amount not to exceed \$427,000.00 and grant account number G-02-41-709-206-432 in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.00 for a contract with Solid Rock Construction Corporation for the rehabilitation of the Tepper's Building Basement.

Date 8-15-07


Peter P. Sepelya, Jr., Comptroller

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August 16, 2007

Ms. Jennifer Wenson-Maier, Director
City of Plainfield
Dept. of Public Works & Urban Development
515 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Re: **City of Plainfield
Teppers Building Basement Rehabilitation**

Dear Ms. Wenson-Maier:

On August 15, 2007 at 12:00 P.M., bids were received for the above referenced project.

Solid Rock Construction Corp. was the only responsive bidder.

Due to time constraints associated with the grant, our office recommends award of the project to Solid Rock Construction Corp., 1200 Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060 in the amount of \$459,000.00.

The award should be contingent upon approval of your Corporation Counsel and certification of funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (973) 323-3065.

Sincerely,
REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS, INC.

By



Kim Wendell Bibbs, P.E., P.P., C.M.E.
Senior Associate & North Jersey Regional Manager

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cc: Jacques Howard, Assistant Director, Dept. of Economic Dev.
Jesse Horsford