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## Operations Memorandum

**To:** New Haven Board of Education Finance and Operations Committee

**From:** Thomas Lamb, Chief Operating Officer

**Date:** May 22, 2023

**Re:** Agreement with Berchem Moses, PC. to provide general legal services.

**Answer all questions** and have a representative ready to present the details of each question during the Finance & Operations meeting or this proposal may not be advanced for consideration by the full Board of Education.

Company Information	
Vendor Name:	Berchem Moses, PC.
Doing Business as: (DBA)	
Vendor Address:	75 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460
Vendor Contact Name:	Michelle C. Laubin
Vendor Contact Email:	<a href="mailto:mlaubin@berchemmoses.com">mlaubin@berchemmoses.com</a>
Is the contractor a minority or women owned small business?	No
Agreement/Contract Information	
New or Renewal Agreement/Contract?	Renewal Agreement
Effective Dates: (mm/dd/yy) <small>Multi-yrs. require Board of Aldermen approval</small>	From July 1, 2023 To June 30, 2024
Total Amount: <small>If Multi-yr. include yr. to yr. breakdown</small>	\$50,000.00
Funding Source Name: Acct. #:	2023-2024 Operating Budget 190-47700-56696
Contract #: <small>(Local or State)</small>	



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**Key Questions:**

**1. What specific service will the contractor provide:**

Outside legal services represent a critical support for the Board of Education on matters of statutory and regulatory interpretation and compliance. This firm will be providing to the district, general legal services.

**2. How was the contractor selected?** *\*Attach appropriate supporting documents*

- Quotes
- Sealed Bid # \_\_\_\_\_
- Sole Source # \_\_\_\_\_
- RFP# \_\_\_\_\_
- State Contract # \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt Professional**
  - Accountant
  - Actuary
  - Appraiser
  - Architect
  - Artist
  - Dentist
  - Engineer
  - Expert Professional Consultant
  - Land Surveyor
  - Lawyer
  - Physician/Medical Doctor

**3. If the vendor was selected through Solicitation (Bid/RFQ/RFP) process; answer the following:**

**a. Please explain how the vendor was chosen?** *\*Attach Vendor Proposal*

Exempt Professional

**b. Who were the members of the selection committee?** *(Minimum 3 members required)*

N/A – Exempt Professional



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**Key Questions: - Continued**

**4. If this is a renewal with a current vendor, has the vendor met all obligations under the existing agreement/contract?**

The vendor has provided general legal services for the district for a number of years, and is currently managing cases for the district.

**5. If this agreement/contract is a Renewal, has the cost increase? If yes, by how much? \*Attach Renewal Letters**

The renewal is the same not to exceed amount as the previous year. No increase.

**6. If this new agreement/contract, has cost for service increased from previous years? If yes, by how much?**

N/A - renewal

**7. Is this a service that existing staff could provide? Why or why not?**

No, this is a service that a team of professionals that has the necessary skillset to provide this type of legal services to the district.



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**Agreement/Contract Processing Checklist**

*To ensure timely processing of the submitted Agreement/Contract it is imperative to collect and provide all of the required documentation noted below and provide with submission to board.*

**Forms/Documents are available in: Drive G:\F&O Agenda Minutes\Agreement\_Contract\_Checklist\2022-2023**

<b>1. Has this vendor performed service(s) in prior fiscal years?</b>	
If Yes,	Vendor # <u>26737</u>
If No or New,	Vendor must provide completed W9
<b>2. A quote or proposal submitting regarding the agreement/contract.</b>	
If RFP	Attach Vendor Submitted
Other	Copy of State Contract, Quotes, etc.
<p><b>3. <u>Certificates of Liability Insurance (COI) are required for ALL agreements/contracts, read the following and select the applicable Rider.</u></b></p> <p><b>It is the submitters responsibility to request the COI from the vendor and attach with submission; the COI from the Vendor <u>must match rider specifications outlined.</u></b></p> <p><b>Failure to obtain or incorrect COIs will be returned for revision and will delay its processing.</b></p>	
Rider 300	Professional Services – Onsite Umbrella; w/ Auto; w/ Workers Compensation
Rider 305	Professional Services – Onsite Umbrella; No Auto; No Workers Compensation
Rider 310	Professional Services – Onsite Umbrella; w/ Auto; No Workers Compensation
Rider 315	Professional Services – Onsite Umbrella; w/ Youth under 21
Rider 320	Professional Services – Offsite; No Auto; No Workers Compensation
Rider 325	Professional Services – Offsite; No Auto; No Workers Compensation; w/ Youth under 21
Rider 330	Professional Services – Offsite Attorney; No Auto; No Workers Compensation
Rider 335	Professional Services – Onsite; Physician/Dentist; No Auto
Rider 340	Professional Services – Onsite Physician/Dentist w/ Youth under 21
Rider 345	Professional Services – Onsite Temp Nurses
Rider 350	Professional Services – Cyber – Onsite
Rider 355	Professional Services – Cyber – Offsite
<p><b>4. The City of New Haven requires the information requested in the <u>Disclosure Affidavit</u> before any City agency, department, or city official seeking agreement/contract shall obtain them, notarized.</b></p> <p>Emailed Disclosures are acceptable.</p>	