RESOLUTION of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN

Resolution No. 2021-12

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO UNITED FIRE PROTECTION CORP. FOR FIRE ALARM UPGRADES

Date Introduced: September 15, 2021 Date Adopted: September 15, 2021

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the City of Linden ("Housing Authority"), a public entity organized and existing pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), and the laws of the State of New Jersey, has determined that it is in need of securing fire alarm upgrades for Gregorio Towers; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority, as management agent for the Mongil Corporation, is responsible for ensuring the upkeep for Gregorio Towers; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the fire alarm upgrades was expected to exceed the Housing Authority's bid threshold of \$40,000.00 under the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 and prevailing federal procurement regulations, the Housing Authority published a public advertisement for bids; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the public advertisement, bids were due by 11:00 a.m. on August 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following a public bid opening and subsequent review of all bids by the Housing Authority's Qualified Purchasing Agent, United Fire Protection Corp., 1 Mark Road, Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033, with a total submitted bid of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$139,325.00), was found to be the lowest responsible bidder pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and

WHEREAS, the contract is being awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority's Qualified Purchasing Agent, Ann Marie Whelan, has certified that this procurement is in compliance with all applicable Federal and State of New Jersey procurement requirements, including but not limited to the Federal Procurement Standards (2 C.F.R. 200.317 et seq.), the HUD Procurement Handbook (HUD Handbook 7460.8), the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), and the New Jersey Procurement Regulations (N.J.A.C. 5:34-1.1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority has certified that sufficient funds have been appropriated for the above-mentioned project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the Housing Authority and its overall goal of providing quality, affordable housing to low-income seniors to approve and authorize the award of a contract to United Fire Protection Corp. for fire alarm upgrades;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden hereby approves and authorizes the award of a contract to United Fire Protection Corp. in the amount of \$139,325.00 for fire alarm upgrades, subject to the successful completion of all post-bid matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby directs the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to take any and all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Ann J. Ferguson, Secretary

Housing Authority of the City of Linden