

RESOLUTION 2013-21
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR HIGHLANDS REGION FUNCTIONAL ECOSYSTEM
VALUATION MODEL DESIGN AND
FOREST CONSERVATION GUIDANCE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts to effectuate the purposes of the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2008, the Highlands Council adopted Resolution 2008-27 thereby adopting the Highlands Regional Master Plan (RMP); and

WHEREAS, the RMP includes goals, policies, and objectives relating to the *Forest Resource Management and Sustainability* and *Critical Habitat Conservation Management* programs in Chapter 5, Part 1 of the RMP and will enhance and provide program specific requirements for maintaining, restoring and enhancing the natural resources of the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, to support the Highlands Council with implementation of these programs, the Highlands Council staff prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking the proposals of firms to advise and assist the Highlands Council which was posted on May 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, two (2) firms submitted responses and proposals on or before the deadline of June 17, 2013 and the Highlands Council staff evaluated the proposals of the firms based on work experience and professional qualifications and interviews; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has reviewed its findings with the Budget and Finance Committee of the Council on August 15, 2013, and this committee has reviewed the process utilized by the staff to evaluate the submissions, and further determined that funds are available for the award of a contract pursuant to this RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff recommends that Princeton Hydro, LLC and its team is best suited to meet the needs articulated by the Highlands Council's RFP and further recommends that the Highlands Council authorize the Executive Director to enter a contract with Princeton Hydro, LLC for Highlands Region functional ecosystem valuation design and forest conservation guidance assistance;

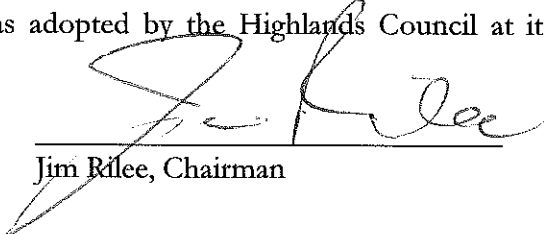
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that:

The Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Princeton Hydro, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$108,272, provided that the Executive Director may authorize additional amounts pursuant to his authority under the Highlands Council Bylaws.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 19th day of September 2013.


 Jim Rilee, Chairman

**Vote on the Approval of
This Resolution**

| | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Councilmember Alstede | | | | ✓ | | |
| Councilmember Carluccio | ✓ | | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember Dougherty | | | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember Dressler | | | | | | ✓ |
| Councilmember Francis | | | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember Holtaway | | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember James | | | | | | ✓ |
| Councilmember Richko | | | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember Sebetich | | | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember Tfank | | | | | | ✓ |
| Councilmember Visioli | | | ✓ | | | |
| Councilmember Vohden | | | | ✓ | | |
| Councilmember Walton | | | | | | ✓ |
| Chairman Rilee | | | ✓ | | | |