

July 23, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO THE TRUSTEES

FROM THE PRESIDENT and CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**SUBJECT: Procurement (Services) Contract –
Request for Funding – Jackson, Lewis, LLP**

SUMMARY

The Trustees are requested to approve funding in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars to fund a contract for legal services with the law firm of Jackson, Lewis, LLP of White Plains, New York, to represent the Authority in a potential employment matter.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Section 2879 of the Public Authorities Law and the Authority's Guidelines for Procurement Contracts require Trustee approval for procurement contracts involving services to be rendered for a period in excess of one year.

The Authority is facing the prospect of being involved in a lawsuit alleging workplace discrimination. In response, the Authority conducted a competitive search for law firms that specialize in employment litigation. This law firm has the appropriate expertise and resources to handle this employment matter, and maintains a local office.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Payments to support this contract for legal services will be made from the Authority's Operating Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Vice President and General Counsel recommends that the Trustees approve the funding request for this contract.

For the reasons stated, I recommend the approval of the above-requested action by adoption of a resolution in the form of the attached draft resolution.

Gil C. Quiniones
President and Chief Executive Officer

Att.
Outside Counsel

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Guidelines for Procurement Contracts adopted by the Authority, funding for a legal services contract with the law firm of Jackson, Lewis. LLP of White Plains, New York for a two-year term with an option to renew for an additional year is hereby approved in the amount and for the purpose as recommended in the attached memorandum of the President and Chief Executive Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the President and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Operating Officer and all other officers of the Authority are, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Authority to do any and all things, take any and all actions and execute and deliver any and all agreements, certificates and other documents to effectuate the foregoing resolution, subject to the approval as to form thereof by the Executive Vice President and General Counsel.