

**RECOMMENDATION FOR LAW FIRM SELECTION**

**Date:** December 31, 2024

**To:** Laurie A. Malone  
Chief of Staff to the General Counsel

**From:** Jordan M. Kiessling  
Issuing Officer

**CC:** Derek Riker  
Deputy Chief of Staff

**RE:** Evaluation of Proposals Submitted in Response to  
RFP OGC-2024-17 Complex Litigation & Litigation Consultants  
Issued October 23, 2024

**PART I.**

This RFP was issued pursuant to Executive Order 2015-2 dated January 20, 2015, and in accordance with Section 518 of the Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. § 518, and Part III Chapter 8 of the Department of General Services (DGS) Procurement Handbook.

The Issuing Office designated to conduct this procurement has completed its evaluation. As further described below, the following law firms are being recommended for award of legal services contracts:

Cozen O'Connor  
Curtin & Heefner LLP  
Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. and Tucker Law Group LLC  
Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller  
Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP

This memorandum also documents that all necessary steps were taken in conducting the procurement in accordance with the provisions of the Commonwealth Procurement Code. To the extent that written determinations are required under the Code for any of the following steps and no attached record exists, this memorandum shall serve as written confirmation that such step occurred.

**\*\* DUE TO THE URGENT NEED FOR LEGAL SERVICES, APPROVAL IS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE SELECTED LAW FIRMS TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY \*\***

**PART II.**

A. PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice of the RFP was posted on both the PA eMarketplace and the Office of General Counsel's website on **October 23, 2024**.

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B. EVALUATION COMMITTEE: An evaluation committee was established consisting of agency representatives from **the Governor’s Office of General Counsel**.

C. ADDENDA TO THE RFP: Potential offerors were given the opportunity in accordance with Section I-8 of the RFP to submit questions concerning the procurement to the Issuing Office. The official responses to the questions were incorporated into the RFP by addenda per Section I-9 of the RFP.

**PART III.**

A. CRITERIA: The relative importance of the major evaluation criteria established prior to opening the proposals consisted of **technical 100%**.

B. PROPOSALS: A total of **twelve (12)** proposals were received on or before the due date of **November 14, 2024**. No proposals were received late.

C. RESULTS:

1. The evaluation committee reported the following results of its evaluation to the Issuing Office:
2. As indicated in the Initial Scoring, **one (1) offeror’s** technical submittal did not receive at least **75%** of the available technical points required in order to be eligible to be considered for award.
3. INITIAL SCORING: The overall scoring for this procurement concluded as follows:

<i>Offeror</i>	<i>Technical Score</i>	<i>Overall Score</i>
Cozen O’Connor	868.37	868.37
Curtin & Heefner LLP	905.48	905.48
Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC	828.63	828.63
Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. and Tucker Law Group LLC	868.38	868.38
Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hausfeld LLP	798.60	798.60

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Houston Harbaugh, PC	816.26	816.26
LeVan Stapleton Segal Cochran LLC	852.48	852.48
Motley Rice LLC	832.16	832.16
Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLC	933.76	933.76
Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP	798.59	798.59
<b><i>Firms Not Meeting 75% Technical Threshold</i></b>		
Labaton Keller Sucharow LLP	N/Q	N/Q

4. **CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY:** Cozen O’Connor, Curtin & Heefner LLP, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. & Tucker Law Group LLC, Hanglely Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller and Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP required to be disclosed or approved by the Commonwealth have been verified as responsible contractors in accordance with management directives, the Procurement Handbook and the Procurement Code, as applicable.

**PART IV.**

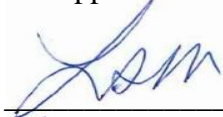
**RECOMMENDATION:** As the Issuing Officer, I recommend Cozen O’Connor, Curtin & Heefner LLP, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. & Tucker Law Group LLC, Hanglely Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller and Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP be awarded contracts for legal services. This recommendation selection is based upon the results of the evaluation and review of the proposals as summarized above. **The term of the contract will be one year with two (2) additional one (1) year renewals.** The Governor’s Office of General Counsel will allocate the legal services set forth in the resulting contracts among the selected law firms. **Due to the urgent need for legal services, the Governor’s Office of General Counsel is seeking Cozen O’Connor, Curtin & Heefner LLP, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. & Tucker Law Group LLC, Hanglely Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller and Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP to begin work immediately.**

**PART V.**

**CONTRACTING OFFICER DETERMINATION AND AUTHORIZATION:**

Based upon the results of the evaluation and the above recommendation, I have determined that Cozen O'Connor, Curtin & Heefner LLP, Grant & Eisenhofer P.A. & Tucker Law Group LLC, Hangley Aronchick Segal Pudlin & Schiller and Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP are the best qualified law firms based on the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP and should be awarded Contracts for Legal Services.

I disapprove the recommendation.



**Laurie A. Malone**  
**Chief of Staff to the General Counsel**

12/31/2024

Date