

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-24-90
BOROUGH OF HIGHLAND PARK
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF AN ENERGY CONSULTING
SERVICES CONTRACT TO GABEL ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR SERVICES IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY
AGGREGATION (RGEA) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), is the Lead Agency in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq, Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 et seq.(“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, under EDECA, NJSBA is authorized to provide other energy-related services to its members; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10(b) authorizes municipalities to enter into cooperative pricing agreements; and

WHEREAS, NJSBA and the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) has created, and is offering to schools districts and others, the ACESplus Program which is designed to assist participating members with the evaluation and implementation of certain energy related programs, including Renewable Energy Programs; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9-16-254, approved on September 6, 2016, authorizes the Borough of Highland Park to participate in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES) Cooperative Pricing and ACESplus Program; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, Borough Council passed Ordinance No. 2031, to establish a Government Energy Aggregation Program in order to provide residents access to power supply with substantially higher renewable energy content at a price that is competitive with default power supply; and

WHEREAS, Gabel Associates, Inc. is the energy consultant for the ACESplus Program and has submitted a proposal to the Borough of Highland Park for services for the development and management of a Renewable Government Energy Aggregation Program; and

WHEREAS, Gabel Associate’s services will be paid by the future energy provider as selected through a competitive procurement process, meaning there will be no “out-of-pocket” costs to the Borough for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highland Park, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

1. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest on behalf of the Borough an agreement for energy consulting services with Gabel Associates, 417 Denison Street, Highland Park, NJ 08904, attached hereto.
2. The NJSBA, via its professional energy consultant Gabel Associates, is hereby authorized to work with the Borough Administration to implement a Renewable Government Energy Aggregation Program for the Borough of Highland Park, as authorized by, and in accordance with the requirements of, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., EDECA, the Clean Energy Act of 2018, and the Proposal.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

I, Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highland Park, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Highland Park Borough Council at a meeting held on March 5, 2024.

Jennifer Santiago, Borough Clerk

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Canavera				
George				
Hale				
Hersh				
Kim-Chohan				
Postelnik				