

NEW YORK CITY WATER BOARD

November 20, 2008

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1045-g(8) of the New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority Act (the "Act"), the Board is authorized to enter into contracts and to retain private consultants on a contract basis for the purpose of obtaining professional or technical services to assist the Board in carrying out its responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, increased interest in natural gas drilling in the watershed region of the New York City water supply system has produced a need for an assessment of the potential impacts of natural gas drilling on water quality and quantity, as well as on water supply infrastructure and the environment and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") has identified to the Board a need for the services of a technical consultant to develop an assessment of the impact of natural gas drilling for DEP's Bureau of Water Supply ("BWS"); and

WHEREAS, Requests for Proposals ("RFP") in connection with said assessment of natural gas drilling issues in the watershed were issued on October 20, 2008 to a total of eight potential consulting firms which had responded affirmatively to a previously issued Request for Expressions of Interest; and

WHEREAS, three firms submitted technical and cost proposals for consideration and review by BWS staff; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a memorandum from BWS Deputy Commissioner, Paul V. Rush, P.E., dated November 14, 2008, which sets forth a recommendation for the designation of Hazen & Sawyer/Leggette Brashears and Graham, a joint venture ("Hazen/Leggette") to perform the necessary assessments on behalf of BWS; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Water Board's Policy on the Procurement of Goods and Services, in particular, Section 4 (selection based on the best combination of technical merit and price) and Section 5.i. (prior approval of contracts where the cumulative value exceeds \$100,000), the Board finds the selection of Hazen/Leggette appropriate; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement with Hazen/Leggette to provide technical assistance to BWS on natural gas drilling issues in the watershed upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Director may deem reasonable and appropriate, provided however that the total compensation for services performed shall not exceed \$500,000.