

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

Resolution 2017-35

Authorizing the Fire District to Enter into a Contract for IT Services with THCG, LLC d/b/a Avasek

WHEREAS, the Fire District, was recently the target of multiple ransomware attacks that both exposed and caused vulnerabilities in and damage to the Fire District’s IT equipment and network; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District is in need of immediate assistance in repairing, securing, and monitoring its IT equipment and network to address the existing vulnerabilities and damage to its IT equipment and network and to ensure that its IT equipment and network are safeguarded from additional attacks which may be imminent;

WHEREAS, the Fire District retained the services of THCG, LLC d/b/a/ Avasek (“Avasek”) on an emergent basis to address the ransomware attacks as they were occurring and desires to continue its engagement of Avasek to ensure that its IT equipment and network is secured and safeguarded against future attacks;

WHEREAS, the Fire District has determined that is in the best interests of the Fire District to extend its engagement of Avasek for a three (3) month period, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A, to achieve the aforementioned desired level of IT security and performance; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of this Agreement to Avasek is awarded without competitive bidding because the contract is for an amount below the bid threshold set forth in Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Commissioners at Fire District No. 1, in the Township of Deptford, County of Gloucester, at a duly-authorized and noticed public work session meeting held on October 11, 2017, as follows:

1. The Commissioners hereby award the contract for IT support services to the vendor listed above and for the price listed in the attached Agreement.

2. The Commissioners hereby authorize Michael White, Chairman, or his designee to sign the attached Agreement.