

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



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February 10, 2025

The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council of the District of Columbia is proposed emergency legislation, the “Contract No. DCCB-2025-F-0003 with Edelson PC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2025” and accompanying emergency declaration resolution (“legislation”) to approve the award of the proposed definitive multiyear Contract Number DCCB-2025-F-0003 to Edelson PC.

Under the proposed contract, Edelson PC will assist OAG with an investigation and potential litigation against identified targets for violation of law related to past marketing, selling, and installation of lead water pipes. The Contract is a multi-year contingency fee contract, under which the Contractor will only be compensated if the District realizes a monetary recovery, either through settlement, judgement, or otherwise. The not-to-exceed amount of this contract is \$85 million, and the base period of performance is from the date of the award through five years thereafter. This contract will definitize a letter contract awarded on October 21, 2024.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Interim Deputy Attorney General Sarah Comeau at (202)-724-6611 or at sarah.comeau@dc.gov.

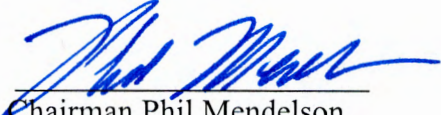
I look forward to the Council’s favorable consideration of this contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Schwalb".

Brian L. Schwalb
Attorney General

Enclosures


Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Attorney General

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve multiyear Contract No. DCCB-2025-F-0003 with Edelson PC to provide legal services to the Office of the Attorney General.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Contract No. DCCB-2025-F-0003 with Edelson PC Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists a need to approve multiyear Contract No. DCCB-2025-F-0003 with Edelson PC to provide legal services to the Office of the Attorney General for Public Advocacy Division matters.

(b) Because this is a multiyear contract and involves expenditures in excess of \$1 million during a 12-month period, Council approval of this contract is required by section 451 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 803; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.51).

(c) Council approval is necessary to allow the continuation of these vital services.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Contract No. DCCB-2025-F-0003 with Edelson PC Approval and Payment Authorization Emergency Act of 2025” be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Commercial Division

REVISED MEMORANDUM

TO: Sarina Loy
Deputy Director
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

FROM: Robert Schildkraut
Section Chief
Government Contracts Section

DATE: January 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Action for Outside Legal Counsel
Contract Number: DCCB-2025-F-0003
Contractor: Edelson PC
Proposed Contract Amount: NTE \$85,000,000 (5-Year Amount)

This is to Certify that this Office has reviewed the above-referenced Contract and that we have found it to be legally sufficient.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 724-4018.

Robert Schildkraut

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