



Request # WCP26-003
(assigned by OMB)

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE
PROCESS

Contract Title: Alec B. Wright (O'Brien Coleman & Wright, LLC,) Solicitor, Independent Citizen Police Review Board.

Contract Description: Legal services. Board wishes to continue its attorney/client relationship w/Atty. Wright.

Contract Duration: 3 years Previous Contract # (if applicable) 544557

Requesting Department: CPRB Contract Type: Professional Services

Requests for exemption must be based on one or more of the categories listed in City Code 161.02B located here:

Please list all exemption types that apply (see page 2) Ten (10)

Justification*:

Please see attachment

Signed by: DocuSigned by:
Elizabeth C. Pittinger
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Department Director Date: 2/27/2026

*In addition to the justification, Law may request additional backup information.

OMB Procurement: DocuSigned by:
Jennifer S. Olinger
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After completion, please email this form, along with any appropriate backup to procurement@pittsburghpa.gov

Waiver Request is hereby: Granted Denied

Chief Solicitor: Signed by:
Lisa Zidmer-Harous
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If a waiver is granted, contract authorization is then required by City Council. Department shall submit appropriate legislation and note the Resolution number on this form and submit a copy along with the contract when submitting to the Controller's Office for signature.

Addendum:

RFP Waiver Request 2026-2028 Solicitor Contract with the Independent Citizen Police Review Board (CPRB).

The Independent Citizen Police Review Board is empowered to hire a solicitor by the home rule charter (§ 229) and enabled to do so by the City Code (§ 662.03).

Accordingly, since 1997, the Board has sought and received a waiver from the RFP/RFQ process to assure continuity and consistency of their legal representation. It is the Board's decision to preserve and extend their attorney/client relationship with Atty. Alec B. Wright, who is currently with O'Brien Coleman & Wright, LLC.

Representation of the "quasi-judicial/quasi-administrative/quasi-criminal" Board requires varied expertise and substantive knowledge of the Board's litigation history. We anticipate potential litigation related to subpoena enforcement.

It is noted that the compensation for this service contract has not changed since 2000: \$40,000 for professional services and \$5,000 for expenses related to the Board's representation.

On October 28, 2025, the Board directed the Executive Director, Elizabeth Pittinger, to pursue a three-year agreement with Alec B. Wright to continue as the Solicitor of the Independent Citizen Police Review Board commencing January 1, 2026, concluding December 31, 2028.

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Elizabeth C. Pittinger
Executive Director
Independent CPRB

2/27/2026

PSO Waiver Request: Independent Citizen Police Review Board and Alec B. Wright, O'Brien Coleman & Wright, LLC, for solicitor services 01/26/2026