RESOLUTION NO. 5189

HIRING INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (IPA) FOR AN AUDIT OF THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE AUTHORITY FOR THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners ("Board"), of the Lakewood Housing Authority ("Authority"), of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, requires the services of an Independent Public Accountant to perform audit services for a 12-month period ending December 31, 2016, and

WHEREAS, this contract for professional services may be awarded without formal bid, pursuant to a Request for Proposals, in accordance to the Local Public Contracts Law of the State of New Jersey, relevant HUD regulations, and the Authority's Procurement Policy, and

WHEREAS, in response to extensive solicitation and advertising one (1) proposal was received for the provision of these professional services and was evaluated and rated in accordance with the aforementioned requirements and pursuant to the evaluation criteria:

NOVOGRADAC & COMPANY, LLP 252 WASHINGTON ST., SUITE B TOMS RIVER, NJ 08753 \$15,780.00

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by the firm of Novogradac & Company LLP, 252 Washington St., Suite B, Toms River, NJ, is responsive and advantageous to the Authority for the provision of these services, specifically in light of the extensive experience and proven competence of the firm, the reasonableness of the fees, and the availability for services, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enter into an Agreement with this firm for the provision of said professional auditing services, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has certified that sufficient funds are available for same in the 2016 Low-Income Operating Budget, and the Attorney has determined that the Resolution meets all legal requirements,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the firm of Novogradac & Company, LLP, be hired as the Auditor for FY-2016 for all programs of the Lakewood Housing Authority at a

lump sum fee not to exceed: FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$15,780.00), as per the Proposal submitted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and the Executive Director be and hereby are authorized to execute a contract for the Independent Public Accountant services in accordance with the specifications contained in the Authority's Request for Proposals. A notice of this Resolution shall be published in a local newspaper as required by law within ten (10) days of its passage and the contract and this supporting resolution shall be retained on file and be available for public inspection at the offices of the Lakewood Housing Authority, 317 Sampson Ave, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Lakewood in the County of Ocean at its Board Meeting held on the 25th day of April 2017.

Mary Jo Grauso, Secretary

Executive Director