10304. RESOLUTION 10-56 – AUTHORIZES A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND KELLY BENEFIT STRATEGIES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BROKERAGE AND CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DELAWARE RIVER AND BAY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the "Authority") was created for the purpose of advancing economic growth and development within the Counties of Delaware, and New Jersey which border the Delaware River and Bay by providing for, planning and engaging in projects which will enhance the future economic growth and development of those areas; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to engage a consultant to provide professional employee benefits brokerage and consulting services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to procure those professional employee benefits brokerage and consulting services with an initial term of three (3) years with one (1) optional one-year renewal, such renewal to be authorized by the originating committee with the consent of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Authority publicly advertised and issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the required professional employee benefits brokerage and consulting services in compliance with Resolution 98-31, as amended by Resolution 09-52, which governs the procedure for the procurement of professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority received and evaluated seven (7) proposals pursuant to the aforementioned requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Authority short-listed four (4) firms and conducted oral interviews; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Benefit Strategies was designated first on the preference list; and

WHEREAS, the Authority negotiated for services at compensation determined to be fair and reasonable with Kelly Benefit Strategies, and in making such determination, conducted an analysis of the cost of the services in addition to considering the scope and complexity; and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed limits for these services are \$125,000 per year for each year of the initial term of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed limit for the optional renewal term of one (1) year shall be negotiated if exercised; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee reviewed the recommendation and concurs with the evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of a Services Agreement with Kelly Benefit Strategies to provide professional employee benefits brokerage and consulting services for the Authority and to have such Agreement, with the advice and consent of Counsel, executed by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Executive Director.

A motion to approve Resolution 10-56 was made by Commissioner Dorn, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, and approved by a roll call vote of 9-0.