

**MILLS BLACK LLP**  
**Legal Affairs Committee Meeting**  
**December 3, 2025**

<b>Project Description:</b>	Provision of legal services to NYCEDC and the City by Mills Black LLP (“Mills Black”) related to the operation of Brooklyn Marine Terminal, including a preliminary assessment of responsibilities and requirements with respect to operating a port or marine terminal, and related matters
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	Legal retainer agreement
<b>Amount to be Approved:</b>	Up to \$100,000
<b>Procurement Method:</b>	Small purchase. NYCEDC sought proposals from six firms and received proposals from three.
<b>Type of Funds:</b>	NYCEDC programmatic budget funds
<b>Agreement to be Approved:</b>	A legal retainer agreement with Mills Black for project services

**Scope of Work:** Legal services related to the project, including services with regard to maintaining current operations at the Brooklyn Marine Terminal, including a preliminary assessment of responsibilities and requirements with respect to operating a port or marine terminal.

For its work with respect to the project, Mills Black is charging the following rates per hour: \$750 for partners, \$450 for associates with 3 to 5 years of experience, and \$300 for associates with less than 3 years of experience.. Mills Black may also be reimbursed for certain expenses. Pursuant to its role under NYCEDC’s annual contracts with the City, the City’s Law Department has approved the rates and retention of Mills Black for this work.

**Proposed Resolution:** To authorize an empowered officer of NYCEDC entering into the legal retainer agreement with Mills Black substantially as described herein

**Relevant Staff:** Meredith Jones, Executive Vice President and General Counsel  
Caitlin Dunham, Counsel, Legal