

**RESOLUTION 2023-199**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE DESIGN CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SHARING TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 ET SEQ.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham have determined that its residents and members of the public would benefit from a fiber optic loop system in and around the Township of Chatham as part of its infrastructure and Municipal facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Chatham has received \$809,000.00 from a Community Oriented Policing Services (“COPS”) grant and needs to acquire an outside Contractor to design and construct such a system that will exceed the bid threshold requiring the Township to utilize and follow the various provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and Regulations pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township intends to solicit bids for and have the Qualified Purchasing Agent with the help of the Township Engineer and under the direction of the Business Administrator prepare and issue bid packets utilizing the Public Contract Law with the intent to identify a bidder who can successfully provide the services required and who is the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids has been completed and all bids reviewed and eventually recommend to the governing body based upon the most advantageous price and other factors a recommendation of who the lowest responsible bidder is; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., the contract shall be awarded by separate resolution of the Chatham Township Committee based upon a determination of the most advantageous price and other factors to be set forth in the RFP and bid specifications in the bid packets and after the Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds will be available for this contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Qualified Purchasing Agent, with the help of the Township Engineer under the direction of the Township Administrator, to prepare specifications and bid packets for the design and construction of the fiber optic loop utilizing the Local Public Contracts Law.
2. The Township Committee hereby further authorizes the Municipal Clerk, once the bid documents have been prepared, to request bids for the implementation of the fiber optic loop pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34, et seq.

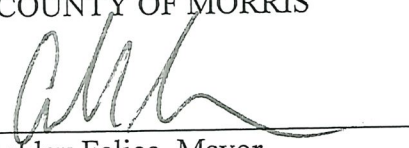
Adopted: October 24, 2023

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN  
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

  
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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By

  
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Ashley Felice, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

I hereby certify that as of October 24, 2023, sufficient funds are or will be available upon adoption of the budget for year 2023 to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

  
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Debra A. King  
Chief Financial Officer