

**RESOLUTION 2024-112**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, REJECTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING A NOTICE TO RE-BID FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION SHARING TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Chatham (the “Township”) have determined that its residents and members of the public would benefit from a fiber optic loop system in and around the Township as part of its infrastructure and Municipal facilities (the “Public Safety Information Sharing Technology Community Project” or the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received \$809,000 from a Community Oriented Policing Services grant and needs to hire an outside contractor to design and construct such system, which is anticipated to exceed the bid threshold requiring the Township to conduct public bidding for the Project in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township adopted Resolution No. 2023-199 on October 24, 2023 authorizing the Township to advertise for bids for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received one (1) bid from Millennium Communications Group, Inc. on December 19, 2023 which exceeded John Ruschke’s, PE (the “Township Engineer”), of Mott MacDonald, estimates for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommended the rejection of the bid received on December 19, 2023 as it exceeded the Project estimate and on January 23, 2024, the Mayor and Township Committee adopted Resolution No. 2024-52, rejecting the bids received on December 19, 2023 and authorizing the Township to re-bid for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township received two (2) bids on March 14, 2024, from Kane Communications in the total bid amount of \$1,556,405.00, and Millennium Communications Group, Inc. in the total bid amount of \$1,327,707.41; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer recommends the rejection of the bids received on March 14, 2024 as both bids exceed the Township’s estimate for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to again solicit bids in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law for the Project in an effort to revise and clarify the bid specifications with the goal of obtaining one or more bids within the Township’s cost estimate for the Project.

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

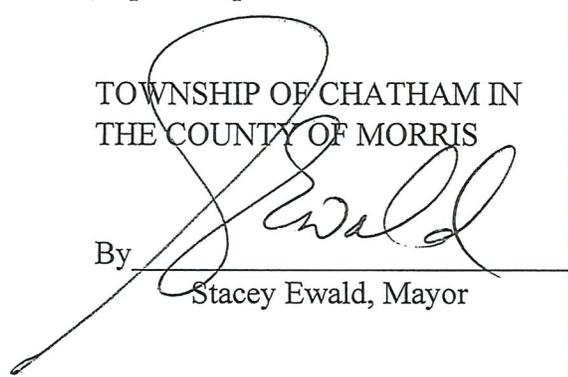
1. The Township Committee hereby rejects all bids received as both exceed the budgeted amount of the Project.
2. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the Township's Qualified Purchasing Agent, in consultation with the Township Engineer and under the direction of the Township Administrator, to prepare the necessary bid specifications for the Public Safety Information Sharing Technology Community Project and advertise same upon approval of the documents by the Department of Transportation, and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.
3. The Township Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to all rejected bidders.
4. The Township Committee hereby further authorizes the Municipal Clerk, once the bid specifications have been prepared, to advertise soliciting bids for the Project.
5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted: April 23, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN  
THE COUNTY OF MORRIS

Attest:

  
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Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk

By   
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Stacey Ewald, Mayor

#### CERTIFICATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

I hereby certify that as of April 23, 2024, sufficient funds are or will be available upon adoption of the budget for year 2024 to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

  
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Debra A. King  
Chief Financial Officer