

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This resolution will allow the Township to prepare a request for proposal in which the Competitive contracting methodology will be used according to State Statute. The proposal will be prepared with the ranking of criteria so an award can be made based on multiple factors.

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) is in need of Cannabis Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the Township seeks the services of a professional and experienced Cannabis Consultant firm to function as the Township’s Cannabis Consultant; and

WHEREAS, under the Local Public Contracts Law (the “LCPL”) N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 (m) authorizes the Township to utilize competitive contracting in lieu of the standard public bidding process for procurement of specialized goods and services where the price exceeds the bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding allows the Township to evaluate and score proposals based on weighted criteria, including technical, management and cost related criteria to ensure that the most professional operator is obtained to meet the needs of the Township; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3 of the LPCL requires that the Township Council adopt a resolution authorizing to utilize competitive contracting in order to initiate the process.

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of West Orange, that the Township be and hereby authorized to utilize competitive contracting to solicit and review proposals for the contract for Cannabis Consultant.

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Municipal Clerk

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Council President

Adopted: October 10, 2023