

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange (the “Township”) is the owner of real property known as Block 170, Lots 13, 15.03 and 17 on the Tax Map of the Township commonly known as 590 Mt. Pleasant Avenue (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange Recycling Center (the “Recycling Center”) is located and operates on the Property; and

WHEREAS, Township utilizes the Recycling Center as an integral part of its Recycling Program; and

WHEREAS, the operations conducted at the Recycling Center include the composting of leaves, the processing of vegetative wood waste and operating a recycling convenience center for West Orange residents for mixed paper, cardboard, consumer electronics, tires, clean wood, and commingled containers; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2007, the Township Council adopted Resolution #84-07 authorizing the use of competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3 for the procurement of the Contract for Operation of the West Orange Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2023, the Township issued a Request for Proposal for the services entitled “Request for Proposal for Operation of the Township of West Orange Recycling Center;” and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2024, the Township was advised that the Request for Proposal included a discrepancy as to the requirements for a performance bond for the operation of the recycling center that required revision and correction; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2024, the Township issued a revised Request for Proposal (the “RFP”) with proposals due no later than February 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2024, the Township received four (4) proposals including, proposals from: (i) The Firewood Farm; (ii) Yanuzzi Group; (iii) Natures Choice NJ, LLC the incumbent operator of the West Orange Recycling Center; and (iv) Mazza Mulch; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law and the New Jersey

Administrative Code, the Township created an Evaluation Committee (the “Committee”) to establish weighted criteria for the evaluation of proposals and evaluate and score the proposals submitted in response to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Committee prepared an evaluation report (the “Evaluation Report”) regarding its evaluation and scoring of the proposals submitted in response to the RFP, annexed hereto as Exhibit “**A**,” and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends the award of a Management, Operation and Maintenance Service Agreement for the West Orange Recycling Center, annexed hereto as Exhibit “**B**” (the “Agreement”), to Natures Choice NJ, LLC, with offices at 1106 Millstone River Road, Hillsborough, New Jersey 08844.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE that the Township is authorized to award the Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit “**B**,” consistent with the terms set forth therein to Natures Choice NJ, LLC; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Mayor shall be authorized to execute the Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit “**B**,” on behalf of the Township; and be it further.

RESOLVED that notice of this contract award shall be available in the Clerk’s office in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Bill Rutherford
Council President

Adopted: March 26, 2024