

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006 the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature, became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the local public contracts law, contracts for the provision of professional services are not subject to competitive bidding, however, they are subject to the requirements of the above referenced law if the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1, et seq a municipality may not award a contract with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity that has made a contribution within one (1) year of the date of the contract that is reportable by the recipient pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1, et seq to a municipal political party committee in that municipality if a member of that party is serving in elective public office when such contract is awarded or to any candidate committee of any person who is serving in an elective public office of the municipality when such contract is awarded, unless the contract is awarded under a “fair and open process”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it would be in the best interests of the Borough to make certain professional appointments pursuant to a “fair and open process.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton, County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough Administrator/CFO is authorized and directed to prepare a Legal Notice and Criteria for Submission of Qualifications/Competitive Contract for the following professionals for 2024:
  - Information Technology Consulting Services
  - Computer Hardware and Software Consulting Services
  - Computer Networking Consulting Services
2. Appointments to these professional positions shall be considered at the time of the award.
3. The Criteria for selection shall be as permitted by the aforementioned Law and contracts shall be awarded on the basis most advantageous to the Borough.

Adopted: January 22, 2024

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Cheryl Muzzillo,  
Deputy Borough Clerk