

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-187

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACTS LAW IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S PROPOSED BROADBAND SERVICES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland (the "City") is interested in exploring the potential for and feasibility of developing a broadband network to serve the City residents and business (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to undertake the Program pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:9D-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, in order to undertake the initial feasibility study necessary to initiate the Program, the City will require the assistance of a broadband services expert to provide consulting services to the City (the "Consulting Services"); and

WHEREAS, the feasibility analysis and the steps that will be necessary if the Program is deemed to be feasible, will take multiple years to complete and will require Consulting Services over that period of time; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized to procure multi-year consulting services utilizing the competitive contracting provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.* (LPCL); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3a, the City must adopt a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting in the procurement of the Consulting Services, and the issuance of a Request for Proposals from Broadband Services Expert to Provide Consulting Services to the City (the "RFP"),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Council of the City of Vineland as follows:

1. The aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth at length;
2. The Business Administrator, or his designee, is hereby authorized, working with legal counsel, to issue the RFP utilizing the competitive contracting process under the Local Public Contracts Law, and from time to time may issue any addenda thereto as deemed necessary; and
3. The Business Administrator or his designee shall advertise the RFP in the official newspapers and cause the RFP to be posted on the City's website.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk