

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF SOMERSET,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
CONTRACT**

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 AND N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby provides public notice of its intent to award a contract without competitive bidding pursuant to the provisions of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and specifically the exemption set forth at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, which permits local contracting units to purchase goods and services through contracts entered into on behalf of the United States Government.

The Township of Franklin intends to award a contract to CivicPlus, headquartered at 302 S. 4th Street, Suite 500, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, for the procurement of government technology software and related implementation, hosting, and support services, specifically including:

- CivicPlus Website Platform (Ultimate Tier) – The Township’s public-facing website hosted and managed on CivicPlus’s enterprise-grade content management platform, including all features and functionality available under the Ultimate service tier;
- Website Redesign and Implementation Services – Professional services for the complete redesign, configuration, and launch of the Township’s redesigned public website;
- Content Migration and Content Consulting – Professional services to migrate existing website content to the new platform and provide advisory consulting on content organization, structure, and best practices;
- AudioEye Automated Accessibility Remediation – An automated web accessibility solution to identify, remediate, and monitor the Township’s website for compliance with applicable accessibility standards, including WCAG 2.1 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- DocAccess PDF Accessibility Solution – A solution to remediate PDF documents published on the Township’s website to meet applicable accessibility requirements and ensure equal access for all residents;
- CivicPlus Agent AI Chatbot – An artificial intelligence-powered chatbot integrated into the Township’s website to provide automated, 24/7 resident assistance, answer frequently asked questions, and direct users to appropriate government services and information;
- Agenda Management Platform – Cloud-based software enabling Township staff to create, compile, route for approval, and publish meeting agendas in a streamlined and paperless manner;
- Minutes Management and Approval Workflows – Digital tools for drafting, editing, routing, approving, and publishing official meeting minutes, including configurable approval workflows to ensure compliance with Open Public Meetings Act requirements;
- Meeting Streaming and On-Demand Video Access – Integrated live video streaming of public meetings and on-demand video playback capability, enabling residents to attend and review public meetings remotely;
- Boards and Commissions Functionality – A digital solution for recruiting, vetting, appointing, and managing civic board and commission members, including board member portals, document distribution, and board operations management; and
- Board Application Workflows – Automated digital workflows

to accept, process, track, and manage applications from residents seeking appointment to Township boards and commissions, improving transparency and administrative efficiency.

The proposed contract shall be awarded pursuant to the United States General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule Contract No. GS-3SF-01247U, Schedule 70 (Information Technology Services), available to all federal, state, and local government entities through the Cooperative Purchasing Program provision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12 and N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2. The use of this cooperative purchasing vehicle has been determined to be in the best interest of the Township of Franklin and its residents, providing cost savings and access to competitively pre-awarded pricing without the necessity of independent public bidding.

This notice is published in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law. The contract documents and supporting materials are available for public inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Franklin Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, New Jersey 08873, during normal business hours.

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Township Clerk
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