

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN  
GLOUCESTER COUNTY**

**R-71-23**

**AWARDING CONTRACT TO WEST JERSEY TITLE AGENCY FOR TITLE WORK  
SERVICES FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN THE TOTAL  
AMOUNT OF \$2,695.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin has the need for title work services for Farmland Preservation Projects which have submitted Farmland Preservation applications through the Franklin Township Municipal Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Program as described below:

<b>OWNER</b>	<b>BLOCK / LOT</b>	<b>APPROX. ACRES</b>
Catherine Ann LaRose, and Martin Larose	5802 / 1	18.5 (with no exceptions)
Zachary N. Martorana, and Kristina M. Martorana	5901 / 8, 79.01, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96	135.3 (with one exception)

**WHEREAS**, after due notice and advertisement, sealed bids were received and opened by the Franklin Township Farmland Preservation Program on January 25, 2023; and, after following appropriate public bidding procedures, it was determined that West Jersey Title Agency was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for appraisal services; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon this submission, it is the request and recommendation of Ken Atkinson, Facilitator, Franklin Township Farmland Preservation Program that the following bids be approved by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Franklin:

1. Bid of West Jersey Title Agency, dated January 9, 2023, for title work services in the amount of \$1,071.00 for the LaRose property;
2. Bid of West Jersey Title Agency, dated January 9, 2023, for title services in the amount of \$1,624.00.00 for the Martorana property; and

**WHEREAS**, the CFO has certified the availability of funds in the amount of \$2,695.00 which shall be charged against budget line-item No. T-29-00-000-001 entitled Municipal Open Space Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, once settlement is completed on the properties, the Township of Franklin will be eligible to receive a 50% cost-share grant from the State Agriculture Committee (SADC) for the total contract amount (reimbursement estimated to be \$1,348.00 total).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that the following bids are hereby approved:

1. Bid of West Jersey Title Agency, in the total amount of \$2,695.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and the Clerk are authorized to execute all documents required to effectuate this contract.

Adopted: February 28, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>nd</sup>	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
<b>T. Doyle</b>						
<b>H. Flaim</b>						
<b>J. Keen</b>						
<b>M. Marsh</b>						
<b>J. Bruno</b>						

Attest:

Township of Franklin

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

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John Bruno, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on February 28, 2023.

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk