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## RESOLUTION 2022-2 APPROVING THE PROJECT PLAN FOR METRC TO PROVIDE A TRACK-AND-TRACE INVENTORY MANAGEMENT AND TRACKING SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(c)(2), the Commission is authorized to contract for the services of professional, technical, and operational personnel and consultants as may be necessary to the performance of its responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-24(c)(3), the Commission is authorized to incur additional expenses within the limits of funds available to it in order to carry out its duties, functions and powers under P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2021, c.16 (C.24:6I-31 et al.); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 24:6I-22 and N.J.A.C. 17:30-3.6 the Commission is required to develop and maintain a system for the management and tracking of medical and personal-use cannabis and cannabis items to be utilized by the Commission as well as cannabis business licensees and permittees; and

**WHEREAS,** Commission staff have explored multiple options for acquiring SAAS (Software-As-A-Service) services offered by various companies; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission staff have verified that a contract exists under New Jersey State Contract Number T-3121 for the provision of SAAS services awarded to Metrc (Marijuana Enforcement Tracking Reporting & Compliance); and

WHEREAS, as a current contractor to the State of New Jersey for SAAS services, Metrc has undergone rigorous reviews for security and compliance from both the Department of the Treasury and the Office of Information Technology that have confirmed the system is HIPAA compliant and securely hosted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has determined that Metrc offers a cannabis-specific, track-and-trace inventory tracking system and is prepared to deploy an industry-leading, regulatory-focused, data-driven inventory management system; and

WHEREAS, Metrc is currently utilized by the majority of states with recreational cannabis markets; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to New Jersey State Contract T-3121, Metrc offers its inventory tracking system, and the proposed Scope of Work between the Commission and Metrc, at a cost of \$65,000 per year for a term of six years – for a total of \$390,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission, that:

- 1. The project for acquiring an inventory tracking system from Metrc is hereby approved.
- 2. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a Scope of Work between the Commission and Metrc for the purpose of SAAS services in the form of a statewide inventory management and tracking system pursuant to NJ State Contract T-3121, said contract meeting the Commission's requirements to create and implement an inventory management and tracking system for use by the Commission and the medicinal and personal-use sectors of the cannabis industry in the State of New Jersey.
- 3. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute any related agreements with Metrc that fall within the scope of the approved project. Any enhancements or modifications to the project that fall outside the scope of the approved statement of work, including any change that would result in an increase in the annual contractual costs to the Commission as defined in Table 1 of the Scope of Work, shall be presented to the Commission for consideration.

Submitted by:

Dianna Houenou, Chair

## **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Cannabis Regulatory Commission at its meeting held on the 7th day of January, 2022.

Jeff Brown, Executive Director

Vote on the Approval of This Resolution	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Barker	X		X			
Commissioner Del Cid-Kosso			X			
Commissioner Delgado		X	X			
Chairwoman Houenou			X			
Commissioner Nash			X			