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May 14, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marlene E. Furtick, Executive Director  
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an Agreement with Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. to operate the Intimate Realities and After School Performing Arts program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed \$125,000.

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Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. (the "Agency") to operate the Intimate Realities and After School Performing Arts Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed \$125,000, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual budget. The County Department of Social Services will provide Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) funding in the amount of \$79,625 as well as the local tax levy match requirement in the amount of \$45,375 for a total contract amount of \$125,000.

The COPS funding is designed to support community/neighborhood based youth services and parenting programs aimed at reducing youth risk-taking behaviors. Examples of services include family resource centers, drop out prevention programs, parent skills training, mentoring and tutoring programs, independent living skills, job training and linkage with employment, pregnancy prevention, HIV/AIDS prevention, conflict resolution and gang and youth violence prevention.

This agreement will utilize the arts to foster positive attitudes and promote success among disadvantaged youth. The program will provide 163 young people with well-supervised, culturally enriching activities as alternatives to the streets during after-school hours and all day during the summer.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are as follows:

- Of the 163 youth participating in our program, 130 will improve their skills in one or more of the following:
  - ♦ Tolerance of diverse races and ethnicities
  - ♦ Leisure time involvement in positive activities
  - ♦ Development of presentation skillsAs measured by the classes enrolled in at Youth Theatre Interactions (YTI) among their peers of differing cultures, activities involved in outside of YTI (cheerleading, school sports, volunteer work in the community), and performances given by YTI throughout the county.
  
- Of the 33 youth participating in our drama program, 30 will develop one or more of the following areas:
  - ♦ Higher self-esteem
  - ♦ Better reading skills
  - ♦ Improved teamwork

As measured by their participation in non-required activities (auditions for professional productions, participation in Teen Night, special solo performances developed specifically for them), assisting and participating in class warm-ups and activities, reading and developing skits for YTI

performances, and working well with their peers in each class (Executive/Artistic Director and Instructor reports, student evaluations).

- Of the 85 youth participating in our school semester, 78 will increase in the following areas:
  - ♦ Level of physical fitness
  - ♦ Level of group participation
  - ♦ Ability to focus during activities

As measured by documentation of stamina, memorization of choreographed routines and activities, and performances throughout the semester and at the end of the year Recital.

This agreement is in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety because it provides a safe, enriching after school program for young people, some of whom might otherwise be on the streets or unsupervised. The program requires that youth maintain good grades to come to YTI and young people learn positive values while taking arts and theatre classes.

Each of the goals and objectives as stated above will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports and by site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

This program was funded in 2009 and achieved its stated outcomes. The outcomes are as follows:

- Of the 163 (15 more than contracted for) youth served in the program, 163 (33 more than contracted for) improved their skills in one or more of the following:
  1. Tolerance of diverse races and ethnicities, through working together with children of different cultural backgrounds in our classes;
  2. Leisure time involvement in positive activities, through participation in our workshops and performances, which involved using their time wisely and productively;
  3. Development of presentation skills, through their involvement in numerous performances given throughout the year (see attached performance stats).
- Of the 54 (21 more than contracted for) youth served in the program, 50 (20 more than contracted for) developed their skills in one or more of the following:
  1. Higher self-esteem, based on the confidence they gained while in our classes and participating in our scheduled activities, auditions and performances;
  2. Better reading skills, based on the work done in our classes, including but not limited to reading and writing of scripts, monologues and poems;
  3. Improved teamwork, based on their working together in groups that achieved a common goal that was established in our classrooms through their participation in class warm-ups and activities, and working with their peers in each class.
- Of the 108 (30 more than contracted for) youth served in the program, 128 (50) more than contracted for) increased in at least one of the following areas:
  1. Improved their level of physical fitness tremendously, by their participation in physical activities in our dance and drama classes;
  2. Were able to work together as a group while developing and putting together routines;
  3. Improved their ability to focus during activities, by participating in our dance, music & vocal classes. Although not as physically active, while participating in our music and vocal classes, students developed an understanding of the importance of playing together (music) and singing together (vocal) while reading the musical notes on the pages.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof. Nevertheless, in 2008 the Youth Bureau issued an RFP to cover the program years 2009 – 2011. This agency is one of 94 agencies that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Youth Theatre Interactions, Inc. to operate the Intimate Realities and After School Performing Arts Program for the program period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 in a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand (\$125,000) Dollars, subject to appropriation and pursuant to an approved individual budget. The County Department of Social Services will provide Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) funding in the amount of Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five (\$79,625) Dollars as well as the local tax levy match requirement in the amount of Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Five (\$45,375) Dollars for a total contract amount of \$125,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then that Contractor shall have the right to terminate their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement  
 First Amendment  
 This Amendment  
 New Total Amount

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
DSS	263	11	613K	4380	T613	\$125,000

Budget Funding Year(s)      Start Date January 1, 2010  
 (must match resolution)

End Date December 31, 2010

Funding Source:      Tax Dollars      \$45,375

Contractor Federal I.D. No./  
 Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 125,000      State Aid      \$79,625  
 (must match resolution)      Federal Aid      \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor No.: 998619

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Encumbrance No.: YTH1019

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 5-27-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY