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DATE July 6, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Amendment to the Agreement between the County of Westchester and Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Westchester County in order to Change the Payment Reimbursement Schedule

The attached resolution authorizes the County of Westchester to amend the agreement with Cornell Cooperation Extension Association of Westchester County in order to change the payment reimbursement schedule from quarterly payments to monthly reimbursement payments.

The Agreement provides for quarterly payments. Cornell Cooperative Extension has requested a change in payment terms to a monthly basis. Monthly payment will begin on July 1, 2010.

On April 8, 2010, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperation Extension Association of Westchester County to conduct a number of county-wide educational programs.

This Agreement serves a public purpose by protecting the environment and enhancing public health. The public will be offered educational opportunities on environmental, ecological and horticulture issues that will benefit today's generation and generations to come through various programs, plus education on better nutritional habits.

The goal and objective of this amendment is to provide various county-wide educational programs. Last year (2009), Cornell exceeded in practically every goal in each program area. Cornell attributed the increase in participation to the current economic climate. During recessionary times individuals look for low cost/no cost ways to be active; classes on gardening, 4-H Club for youth and other clinics and workshops become their selections. The services included, but were not limited to, providing nutrition education and financial management programs for 972 participants (400 anticipated), providing physical fitness training to 550 adults (anticipated 60) and implementing six 4-H clubs that reached 15,329 participants (1,130 anticipated). Cornell will provide technical assistance and expertise for a new Farm School Gardening Program at Hilltop Hanover Farm. In 2010 Cornell will continue to offer these services at a slightly reduced level to over 6,740 County residents. Cornell will provide nutrition education to all the students who participate in the ten Farm at Schools programs at the Hilltop Hanover Farm. We anticipate that Cornell's county-wide education program in 2010 will continue to meet or exceed their goals. The monitoring of the programs will be provided by on-site Westchester County staff. Cornell will submit quarterly reports and an annual report to the Department of Planning.

Should this amendment not be authorized, an anticipated 6,740 county residents will not be able to participate in this level of environmental, ecological and horticultural educational opportunities that Cornell provides, as no other organization offers these services.

I recommend approval of this amendment.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 7-22-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

AMENDMENT

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the County is authorized to amend the agreement between the County of Westchester and Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Westchester County to conduct a number of county-wide educational programs in order change the payment reimbursement schedule from quarterly payments to monthly reimbursement payments, starting on July 1, 2010, and it is further

RESOLVED, that all the other terms and conditions of the agreement will remain the same, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

Recommended for Approval.

Original Agreement \$1,187,825.00
This Amendment \$ 0.00

TOTAL \$1,187,825.00

AGREEMENT NUMBER C-PL-10-345

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	52	2170	5100	N/A	\$0.00

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2010 Start Date January 1, 2010 End Date December 31, 2010
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$0.00
State Aid _____
\$0.00 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____