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To: Honorable Members  
Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kerry Oristano  
Commissioner of Human Resources

Date: July 21, 2010

**Re: AUTHORITY TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT WITH PACE UNIVERSITY, PURSUANT TO WHICH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED THE "EDWIN G. MICHAELIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM," WILL BE ADMINISTERED FOR THE BENEFIT OF QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AND OF ITS CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITIES WHO WISH TO ENROLL IN PACE'S GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, NURSING, COMPUTER SCIENCE OR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 9, 2006 AND CONTINUING THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2011, BY EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES TO INCLUDE A MASTER OF ARTS IN MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY PROFESSIONALS AS AN ADDITIONAL COURSE OF STUDY AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**

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By resolution approved on October 25, 2001, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Pace University ("Pace") whereby Pace would provide a scholarship program, designated the "Edwin G. Michaelian Scholarship Program" (the "Michaelian Scholarship"), for the benefit of up to 100 employees of the County and up to 100 employees of its constituent municipalities who qualify for and enroll in Pace's graduate schools of Public Administration, Nursing, Computer Science or Business Administration (the "Graduate Programs") for a term of five (5) years commencing on October 9, 2001 and continuing through October 8, 2006, with an option, in the County's sole discretion, to renew the Agreement upon the same terms and conditions for an additional five (5) year term. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

Thereafter, by Resolution approved on July 20, 2006, your Honorable Board authorized the County to exercise its option to renew the Agreement for an additional five (5) year term, commencing on October 9, 2006 and continuing through October 8, 2011. The renewal option was subsequently executed.

The parties would now like to expand the scope of services under the Agreement, as renewed, to include a Master of Arts in Management for Public Safety & Homeland Security Professionals as an additional course of study available under the Graduate Programs offered by the Michaelian Scholarship. This graduate-level program, which is primarily online, prepares public and private sector law enforcement, military, fire, public health and other safety and security professionals to respond to and prevent future attacks using existing resources.

Partnering with the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, the program takes the "long view" by investing in the education of today's leaders, combining theory and practice to secure the democracy of the United States through high-level strategy, preparation, and organization. Graduates with this MA from Pace can play a critical role in preventing crime and disrupting terrorist attacks; protecting against human and natural hazards; and managing large-scale public safety plans.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested to amend the Agreement with Pace, as renewed, by expanding the scope of services to include a Master of Arts in Management for Public Safety & Homeland Security Professionals, as an additional course of study available under the Graduate Programs offered by the Michaelian Scholarship, which course of study will become available as of August 20, 2010.

It should be noted that the Scholarship Program requires no expenditure of County funds to make such program operative.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)ix thereof.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement, as renewed, will remain in full force and effect.

This contract will serve a public purpose by providing a unique opportunity for the County to promote the professional development of its employees as well as those employed by our constituent municipalities.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are to provide the academic tools needed for employees to become more effective in delivering services to constituents.

These goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County because public employees gain valuable skills at no cost to the taxpayer.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored at least annually by the Department of Human Resources.

Accordingly, approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

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**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Human Resources, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the "County") be and is hereby authorized to amend an agreement (the "Agreement") with Pace University ("Pace"), as renewed, whereby Pace will provide a scholarship program, designated the "Edwin G. Michaelian Scholarship Program" (the "Michaelian Scholarship"), for the benefit of up to 100 employees of County and up to 100 employees of its constituent municipalities who qualify for and enroll in Pace's graduate schools of Public Administration, Nursing, Computer Science or Business Administration (the "Graduate Programs"), for a five (5) year term commencing on October 9, 2006 and continuing through October 8, 2011, by expanding the scope of services to include a Master of Arts in Management for Public Safety & Homeland Security Professionals as an additional course of study available under the Graduate Programs offered by the Michaelian Scholarship, which course of study shall become available as of August 20, 2010; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Agreement will not require the expenditure of County funds; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions of the Agreement, as renewed, shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 0 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_