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Date: September 27, 2010

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D., Acting Pathologist/M.E.
Department of Laboratories and Research

Re: **Authority to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc., pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000, which will provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period of August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011**

The attached Resolution, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI,") pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000, which will provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period of August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011.

The Agreement will provide funding for the Laboratory Response Network which involves the testing and preparation, on a state-wide basis, for a bioterrorism event. Specifically, the Agreement will reimburse the County for supplies and associated costs in connection with the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory.

The grants funds were made available by the Center for Disease Control ("CDC"). CDC first channeled the grant through the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH"), which then subsequently channeled the funds through HRI. HRI is a not-for-profit corporation that is affiliated with NYSDOH and assists NYSDOH to manage and administer grants and funding.

This contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety for the residents of Westchester County by ensuring rapid response in the case of a bioterrorism event.

The goal and objective of the program is to provide the residents of Westchester County with rapid response to bioterrorism events. The value and importance are in the best interest of the County in terms of ensuring continued public safety. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Microbiology Division of the Department of Labs and Research which

analyzes quality control and actual samples in conjunction with the Administrative Division which will submit fiscal cost reports to HRI.

The Agreement is not a procurement, since it is a grant agreement through which the County will accept grant funding.

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

KA/mlg

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10-14-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Pathologist/Medical Examiner, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Health Research, Inc., pursuant to which the County will accept a grant in the amount of \$150,000, which will provide funding for the operation of the County's Biodefense Laboratory, for the period of August 10, 2010 to August 9, 2011, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	31	T612-612K	9853	T612	\$150,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 8/10/10 End Date 8/9/11
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$ 150,000 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Other Revenue – Federal Grant (NYS Pass Thru)