

Department of Transportation

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October 20, 2010

TO: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John J. Hsu, P.E.  
Acting Commissioner of Transportation

George N. Longworth  
Commissioner-Sheriff  
Department of Public Safety

RE: **Authority to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the United States Department of Homeland Security, to provide federal funds in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for Access Controls at the Bee-Line Storage and Maintenance Facility in Valhalla, New York, for the term June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013**

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Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a grant agreement with FEMA to provide up to \$500,000.00 to construct access controls at the Cerrato Satellite Bus Facility in Valhalla, New York. A security assessment of the Bee-Line System performed in 2009 recommended that the Cerrato facility have a guard shack with remote-controlled gate capabilities at the main entrance to deter and delay an unauthorized breach of the property.

On May 28, 2009 your Honorable Board approved a resolution for the County to enter into an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to accept a grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 to fund a comprehensive Security Risk and Vulnerability Assessment of the County's Bee-Line Transit System. On July 2, 2009, your Honorable Board approved a resolution for the County to enter into an agreement with Transportation Resource Associates, Inc., to conduct this assessment, which has been completed and has identified concerns that should be addressed to better protect the assets of the Bee-Line Bus system and its garage facilities.

On February 4, 2010, your Honorable Board approved a resolution for the County to enter into an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 to fund the development of a Security Plan, to identify strategies for implementing the recommendations of the Security Risk and Vulnerability Assessment. The two-stage planning process is consistent with best practices in transit security planning.

The Department of Homeland Security has now offered the County an additional \$500,000.00 to implement access controls at the Valhalla storage and maintenance facility.

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If acceptance of the funds is approved, the County will use the money for construction of a guard shack with closed circuit television cameras with viewing at a remote location inside the garage. There will also be viewing capability at the security office of the Westchester County Department of Transportation's Central Maintenance Facility located at 475 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, New York. Additional project components include a swing arm and card reader assembly at the main entrance where the guard shack will be located.

The goals and objectives of this project are to enhance security at the Valhalla storage and maintenance facility. The County and the public will benefit from the security improvements through the safeguarding of the physical assets of the Bee-Line Transit System and the improved safety of Westchester County and Bee-Line employees, and Bee-Line passengers. The effectiveness of the implementation of the security plan will be monitored by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety.

Based upon the foregoing, authority is hereby requested for the County to enter into this grant agreement. Attached for your consideration is a proposed Resolution for which we recommend approval.

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# R E S O L U T I O N

Upon communication from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation, and the Commissioner-Sheriff, Department of Public Safety, be it hereby:

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security to provide federal funds in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for Access Controls at the Bee-Line Storage and Maintenance Facility in Valhalla, New York, for the term June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2013; and be it further

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

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Revenue Source	Trust Account	Dollars
	365	44	T004000S	9633		\$500,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2013 Start Date June 1, 2010 End Date May 31, 2013  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
\$500,000.00 Federal Aid \$500,000.00 (100%)  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION CONTRACT - 11-12-2010 - JOMARY WEIR, SECRETARY