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**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract  
**FROM:** John J. Hsu, PE  
Commissioner of Public Works  
**DATE:** October 29, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Request Authority to Obtain a Proposal and Negotiate a Fee with PB Americas, Inc. in connection with Engineering Services for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit System Improvements, Cities of White Plains and Yonkers and Town of Greenburgh, New York (#10-939)

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Authority of your Honorable Board is requested to obtain a proposal to negotiate a fee in connection with engineering services for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit System Improvements, Cities of White Plains and Yonkers and Town of Greenburgh, New York.

The objective of this project is to make improvements to the Central Avenue corridor by implementing a Bus Rapid Transit System. Central Avenue, between White Plains and the Bronx/Westchester County line, is one of the busiest and most congested transit corridors in Westchester County. A recent study of the corridor as a potential site for Bus Rapid Transit service has recommended a number of interim improvements to traffic signals, intersections, and pedestrian access facilities that will produce traffic decongestion and transit running time reductions. This project will implement the most cost-effective and environmentally compliant technologies available. Wherever possible, proposed new materials will be incorporated in compliance with LEED guidelines for environmental sustainability as per the United States Green Building Council. This agreement will benefit the public as it will enhance traffic flow along the Central Avenue corridor.

The County has been designated to receive funding for this project through the Multi-Modal Program from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). In accordance with NYSDOT requirements, on April 21, 2010 a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in the New York State Contract Reporter and The Journal News. Responses to the RFQ were received on May 20, 2010. After careful review of the submitted qualifications, the Professional Selection Board on September 23, 2010 ranked the firm of PB Americas, Inc., One Penn Plaza, New York, New York 10119 as the number one firm suitable to perform the requested engineering services. A formal proposal will be based on the cost of technical salaries plus a fixed fee with a not-to-exceed ceiling. Authorization to enter into an Agreement will be submitted to your Honorable Board when negotiations are satisfactorily completed. This selection process followed the requirements as outlined in the Rules of the Professional Prequalification and Selection Boards and the Laws of Westchester County.

I recommend adoption of the attached proposed Resolution.

# RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that with the concurrence of the Professional Selection Board, approval is hereby granted to obtain a proposal and to negotiate a fee with PB Americas, Inc., One Penn Plaza, New York, New York 10119, for engineering services for the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit System Improvements, Cities of White Plains and Yonkers and Town of Greenburgh, New York.

JJH/JM/AS

Agreement No. 10-939

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	365	44	T004100E	6120-03		

Budget Funding Year(s): 2010 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor Federal I.D. No./  
 State Aid: 100% State Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Federal Aid: \_\_\_\_\_ Vendor No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Encumbrance No.: \_\_\_\_\_