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DATE: October 21, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant E. Mitchell, MD
Acting Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to sixty-one (61) homeless, employable single men at a facility known as the **Vaughn Glanton Employment Residence** located at 17 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for an amount not to exceed \$1,528,865 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

The County of Westchester requests authorization to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. to operate a shelter for up to sixty-one (61) homeless, employable single men at a facility known as the Vaughn Glanton Employment Residence located at 17 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 for an amount not to exceed \$1,528,865 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. There has been a 4% reduction in the cost of this contract.

The **public purpose** of this program is to provide immediate emergency shelter to eligible homeless employable single men in the County of Westchester. The shelter will continue to provide 24-hour supervision, meals, and counseling, as well as supportive services including assistance in finding permanent housing, assistance with seeking and obtaining employment, and casework services.

The **goals and objectives** of this program are to provide the following services:

- to operate a shelter for single employable homeless men
- to provide 24 hour supervision
- to provide supportive services including counseling, assistance with finding permanent housing, obtaining employment, and casework services. It is to be noted that the long term goal is to help this population move from public assistance to self sufficiency and economic independence. The supportive services provided hereunder would help to achieve this goal.

The goals and objectives of this program are in **the best interest of the County in terms of public health, public safety and the environment**. The population served routinely suffers from various impediments such as substance and/or alcohol abuse, mental illness, chronic unemployment, poor work history, inability to maintain a job, etc., and many are burdened with multiple barriers to permanent housing which have resulted in their current homeless status. Through this contract, customers who are eligible for these emergency housing services are provided direct supportive services and linkages to programs addressing their needs. Housing the targeted population will reduce the risk of them becoming victims of crime and general health-related issues that result from not having appropriate shelter. Giving them a place to stay temporarily, while addressing the issues that caused their homelessness has a positive impact on the environment. The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County as the above said facility provides a **safer environment** for these people and keeps them off the streets.

These goals and objectives are in **the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as they are aimed at reducing the number of people on public assistance which will result in reducing the associated costs. This population will no longer be a burden to the County or taxpayers once they become employed and economically independent.

The **goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored** using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. They include submission of quarterly reports and meetings and other direct contact with D.S.S. staff in order to swiftly address any impediments to the successful execution of the objectives and intents as detailed in the contract.

The **Department is able to report that the vendor's Performance Measurement Indicators** reflect that the program met its goal of housing eligible customers referred by the Department. The facility accepted 100% of appropriate referrals during the 2010 contract period. As of 9/30/10, this program effectively provided shelter and support services for 70 single homeless men. This program achieved the following outcome:

- Secured Permanent Housing: 28 or 40% single men

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) (xiv).

Therefore, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services; be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Westhab, Inc., to operate a shelter for up to sixty-one (61) homeless, employable single men at a facility known as the Vaughn Glanton Employment Residence, located at 17 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$1,528,865 to be paid monthly pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release (s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

| Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub- Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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| 2011 101 | 22 | 8900 | 5860 | _____ | \$1,528,865 |
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Budget Funding Year(s): 2011
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/11

End Date: 12/31/11

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 50%

State Aid: 50%

\$1,528,865
(must match resolution)

Federal Aid:

Other: _____