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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

DATE: March 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution for Authority to Advertise for transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the Department of Social Services ("DSS") to solicit bids by public advertisement for the above referenced project.

The work under this project will consist of all necessary labor, materials and equipment to provide transportation services to Department of Social Services customers, specifically foster children ages 0 to 21, for court mandated family and sibling visitation. The work will include providing transportation from the foster home, relative home, or school to the designated visitation location and back to the foster or relative home throughout the County, as needed, for a period of one-year period commencing on or about June 1, 2011 with the County's option to extend for five (5) additional one-year periods.

The goals and objectives of this contract are to provide transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety of the children of Westchester County. Visitation allows for the preservation and strengthening of parent-child relationships, as well as, serving as a strategy for reunifying families and achieving permanency. Visitation also reduces the negative effects of separation for the child and the parent.

DSS will track and monitor these services to evaluate success through the monitoring of established performance measures as stipulated in the contract, reviewing of periodic reports submitted by the vendor, and making onsite visits.

An appropriate resolution to authorize the bid advertisement is attached for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Social Services is hereby authorized to solicit bids by public advertisement for the following contract:

**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN
FOSTER CARE TO SUPPORT WESTCHESTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES;**

and be it further

RESOLVED, that adequate and sufficient security for the faithful performance of this contract shall be deemed to be receipt of cash, certified check, irrevocable letter of credit, or a performance and payment bond, in an amount equal to twenty (20%) percent of the total contract amount, and in a form approved by the County Attorney. If security shall be in the form of a performance and payment bond, the Bond Underwriter or Surety must appear on the U. S. Treasury's listing of approved sureties (Department Circular 570) and be licensed to transact business in New York as a surety company; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this advertisement for bids will state that pursuant to Chapter 308 of the laws of the County of Westchester, the policy of the County is to encourage the meaningful and significant participation on County contracts for business enterprises owned by persons of color and women - Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE); and be it further

RESOLVED, that such advertisement shall appear in the following County newspaper(s):

THE JOURNAL NEWS (SOUTHERN EDITION);

Account to be Charged/credited

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

Budget Funding Years: N/A Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
(must match resolution)

Funding Source
\$N/A
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid _____
Other _____

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