



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

19942

DATE: June 24, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Anthony W. Sutton, Commissioner of Emergency Services

RE: Authority to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding in an amount not to exceed \$117,850.00 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY10 Hazardous Materials Grant Program

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement ("RPA") with Dutchess County and Putnam County (collectively "Regional Partners") in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") under the FY10 Hazardous Materials ("HAZMAT") Grant Program. DHSES is awarding One Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty (\$117,850.00) Dollars to the County and its Regional Partners to purchase highly specialized rapid detection equipment which will advance the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/HAZMAT response capabilities of the Lower Hudson Valley Region and New York State. Funding for this initiative is provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security's State Homeland Security Program. The County will receive the funds and administer the grant. The RPA will commence upon execution and remain in effect for the useful life of the equipment or the actual life of the equipment, whichever ends first. The Westchester County Board of Legislators authorized the RPA at a meeting duly held on June 20, 2011, by Act No. 88-2011.

Goals and Objectives: The purchase of a HAZMAT identification machine ("ID") will help the County and its Regional Partners to expeditiously identify unknown substances at the site of a HAZMAT call with technology that has not been previously available to some of them. This highly specific tool measures how chemical samples interact with infrared light. Utilizing extensive onboard libraries, spectral matching makes it possible for the HAZMAT ID to rapidly identify chemicals on the basis of their distinct molecular fingerprints.

Public Purpose: The program will enhance the safety and security of Westchester County residents. The HAZMAT Grant will enhance the region's HAZMAT response and Mutual Aid capabilities to assess and manage the consequences of a hazardous materials release, either accidental or as part of a terrorist attack. It includes testing and identifying all likely hazardous substances onsite. The RPA will enable the County to strengthen Chemical, Biological,

Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (“CBRNE”) Detection, Response and Decontamination Capabilities.

Tracking/Monitoring: The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by NYSOHS.

Attached for your approval is an appropriate resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 07/07/2011 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (“County”) acting by and through the Department of Emergency Services (the “Department”), is authorized to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement (“RPA”) with Dutchess County and Putnam County (collectively “Regional Partners”) in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (“DHSES”) under the FY10 Hazardous Materials (“HAZMAT”) Grant Program. DHSES is awarding One Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty (\$117,850.00) Dollars to the County and its Regional Partners to purchase highly specialized rapid detection equipment which will advance the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)/HAZMAT response capabilities of the Lower Hudson Valley Region and New York State. The County will receive the funds and administer the grant; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the agreement shall have a term commencing upon execution and shall remain in effect for the useful life of the equipment or the actual life of the equipment, whichever ends first; 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	20	225K	9853	T225	\$117,850.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2013 Start Date: 8/1/10 End Date: 7/31/2013  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars 0

State Aid \_\_\_\_\_

\$117,850.00 Federal Aid \$117,850

(must match resolution)

Other \_\_\_\_\_