

Memorandum
Department of Public Works and Transportation

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Date: July 21, 2011

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: John J. Hsu, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,585,836.00 to fund a portion of a new In-Line Baggage Screening System at the Westchester County Airport for a term commencing upon execution and continuing through February 28, 2014 (Agreement No. WCA11102)

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Works and Transportation (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration ("TSA"), to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,585,836.00 which will fund a portion of a new in-line baggage screening system at the Westchester County Airport (the "Airport"). The term of the Agreement will commence upon execution and continue through February 28, 2014.

The Department proposes to construct a new integrated checked baggage inspection facility, including all necessary baggage screening equipment, to support the existing passenger terminal at the Airport. The new baggage inspection system will be located on the ground level of the new facility that will be located adjacent to the existing terminal building. The total cost of the baggage screening equipment is estimated to be about \$11,142,985.00. The TSA will fund 95% of the cost of the equipment by contributing an amount not-to-exceed \$10,585,836.00. The County will contribute a 5% local share of \$557,149.00 from the Airport Special Revenue Fund. The cost of constructing the facility will be funded separately.

This transaction does not constitute a procurement and is not subject to the County Procurement Policy.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by funding a state-of-the art baggage inspection system that will insure the safety of the traveling public.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are to fund the purchase of a new baggage screening system. The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public safety because the new baggage screening system will be better able to detect prohibited items from being smuggled onboard aircraft, thus insuring the safety of the traveling public. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by TSA personnel responsible for monitoring the system.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend your favorable consideration of the annexed Resolution to authorize the County to enter into the Agreement.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and Transportation, it is hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through the Department of Public Works and Transportation, is authorized to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration, to accept a grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,585,836.00, which will fund a portion of a new in-line baggage screening system at the Westchester County Airport, for a term commencing upon execution and continuing through February 28, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement will provide, *inter alia*, that the County will contribute a local share of \$557,149.00 toward the cost of the baggage screening equipment, which funding will come from the Airport Special Revenue Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute any and all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Agreement No. WCA11102

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	361	44	A095B			\$11,142,985.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2012 Start Date Upon Execution End Date February 28, 2014
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid _____
\$11,142,985.00 Federal Aid \$10,585,836.00 TSA
 (must match resolution) Other \$ 557,149.00 Airport Special Revenue Fund