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DATE: October 13, 2011

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$16,875.00 toward the purchase of ROV Sonar equipment that will be assigned to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Special Operations Division

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for the period July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2012 to accept Federal funding in an amount not to exceed \$16,875.00 toward the purchase of ROV Sonar equipment that will be assigned to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Special Operations Division. Matching funds in the amount of \$5,625.00 are required and will come from the Federal Seized Asset Funds.

These Federal funds are made available by the United States Department of Homeland Security through the Port Security Grants Program ("PSGP") to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("Grantee") to advance the ability of local law enforcement agencies to plan for, prevent and deter terrorist attacks in the harbors, bays and rivers within the Port of New York and New Jersey. The \$16,875.00 award will be made available by the Grantee to the Department of Public Safety ("Subgrantee") for the purchase of the aforementioned sonar equipment.

The public purpose of this grant is to enhance public safety by providing efficient, year round, waterborne patrol services and rapid response to critical infrastructure along the Hudson River and Long Island Sound, including but not limited to, the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan, ferry terminals in Yonkers and Ossining, petroleum terminals in Cortlandt and Ossining, a gypsum plant in Cortlandt, a sugar factory in Yonkers and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Hudson Line Railway system. These facilities, receiving terminals and rail systems are considered to be critical infrastructure and these terminals and facilities routinely receive cargo from international bulk carriers. All of these facilities are possible targets for terrorism related crime and/ or can be used as conduits for furthering such crimes and therefore require an effective means of waterborne patrol and inspection. The ROV sonar equipment that will be purchased and deployed through this grant award will facilitate such patrol and inspection by allowing for enhanced underwater search and detection in low and zero visibility conditions.

The goals and objectives of this program will be met by purchasing and deploying the aforementioned sonar equipment through the Department's Special Operations Division. The goals and objectives of this

program will be tracked and monitored by quarterly reporting of activity by the Special Operations Division to the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety through the chain of command.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

GNL/fjd
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/10/2011 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

