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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: November 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution for Authority to Advertise
Contract No. 11-222
Taxi Pilot Program Services
City of White Plains, New York

The 2011 Operating Budget contains funds for the above referenced project.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA") mandates Westchester County provide Paratransit services for people whose disabilities prevent them from using fixed route buses. The County meets this obligation through its Paratransit Program which has been in existence since 1983. The County contracts with Suburban Paratransit Service, Inc. to provide these services.

The County is currently contemplating providing an additional alternative for customers of the Paratransit service while reducing overall costs of the program. Under the proposed Taxi Pilot program, customers would be offered the opportunity to utilize same day taxi service in lieu of the larger vehicles provided by Suburban. Under the ADA, the County is required to provide services only if scheduled at least one day in advance. If the Taxi Pilot program is implemented, it would be phased in, starting with one municipality (the City of White Plains) and if successful, would be broadened throughout the County.

The work under this Taxi Pilot program contract consists of providing taxi services to customers of the the County's paratransit service by utilizing existing regulated taxi companies within the City of White Plains. This contract is for a term of one (1) year with four one (1) year renewals at the discretion of the County.

This contract is in the public's best interest because it will provide a cost effective alternative to traditional paratransit for ambulatory citizens, thus addressing the County Executive's priority area: Fiscal Responsibility (FR). There are no energy or environmental components associated with this project.

As expenditures are made pursuant to this authorization, detailed records will be kept in the County's on-line financial system. These records will be easily accessible by Finance, Budget and department staff and will be reviewed regularly to ensure that funds are used appropriately.

This resolution has been reviewed by the Law Department.

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation be and he hereby is authorized to solicit bids by public advertisement on the following contract:

CONTRACT NO. 11-222
Taxi Pilot Program Services
City of White Plains, New York

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 due to the nature of the taxi services required under this contract, no performance security shall be required; 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
	101	11	0600	4250		

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011 **Start Date:** _____ **End Date:** _____
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: **Tax Dollars** 100% County **Contractor Federal I.D. No./**
State Aid _____ **Social Security No.:** _____

Federal Aid _____ **Vendor No.:** _____
(must match resolution) **Encumbrance No.:** _____