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DATE: June 19, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Sherlita Amler, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to Enter into Contract with Health Research Inc. to receive and administer a Grant for the Public Health Preparedness Emergency and Response to Bioterrorism Program, pursuant to an approved budget, as follows:

Contract Period:	7/1/12 – 6/30/13
Contract Amount:	Not-To-Exceed \$542,733

The Westchester County Department of Health (the "WCDH") seeks authorization to enter into contract with Health Research, Inc. to accept funding for the Public Health Preparedness Emergency and Response to Bioterrorism Grant Program for the contract period 7/01/12 through 6/30/13, pursuant to an approved budget, in the amount not-to-exceed \$542,733.

This Program will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of County residents by improving the response capacity to a large scale biological/bioterrorism event and supporting the infrastructure that would enable the County to respond to such threats whether naturally occurring or manmade.

The budget period was changed and the "Department" will be allowed to submit expenses, as appropriate, to either grant during this one-time overlap period.

The goals of this Program are to ensure the ability of the WCDH to respond in the event of a large scale public health emergency through the timely use of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological and radiological agents and naturally occurring health threats. Program objectives include, but are not limited to, enhancement of disease surveillance and early event detection systems, maintenance of relevant laboratory support, development or enhancement of response plans and protocols, and decreasing the time to identify causes, risk factors and appropriate interventions to those affected by threats and to restore health services and environmental safety.

Program tracking and monitoring are maintained through regular staff meetings, periodic review of emergency plans, updates through the NYSDOH Commerce system, review of epidemiological data, and attendance and participation in local and state sponsored drills, meetings and trainings. Status reports are sent to the NYSDOH on a quarterly basis.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the "Grant Terms"), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

Your approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into contract with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI") to accept funding for the Public Health Preparedness Emergency and Response to Bioterrorism Grant Program, pursuant to an approved budget, as follows:

Contract Period: 7/01/12 – 6/30/13
 Contract Amount: Not-To-Exceed \$542,733;

and, be it further

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

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 8th Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 June 19, 2012

Account to be Charged/Credited			Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	Fund	Dept				
	263	27	550M	9853	T550	\$542,733
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) <u>2012-2013</u> Start Date <u>7/01/12</u> End Date <u>6/30/13</u>						
Funding Source						
	Tax Dollars	_____				
	State Aid	_____				
\$542,733	Federal Aid	100% Federal Pass Thru funds				
(must match resolution)	Other	_____				