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August 3, 2012

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Thomas J. Lauro, P.E.
Commissioner of Environmental Facilities

Re: Resolution authorizing the Filing of an Application for a State Grant-In-Aid for a Municipal Waste Reduction and/or Recycling Project and signing of the associated State contract, under the Appropriate Laws of New York State.

The State of New York, acting pursuant to Chapter 610 of the Laws of 1993, provides for State assistance to local governments for equipment and capital projects related to recycling and waste reduction programs and operations. Under this State Grant-In-Aid program the County will receive a 50 percent reimbursement toward approved and eligible expenses. Applicants must incur all expenses and subsequently request reimbursement. I recommend submission of an application as required by the State for the County's estimated expenses associated with the MRF retro-fit of the commingled processing line between 2010 and 2012. While the approval of this Honorable Board is not required by the County Charter to apply for such grants, the State of New York's application procedure requires it.

The public purpose is to receive revenue from New York State that will reimburse the County for 50 percent of the eligible costs for running year-round recycling and waste reduction programs, thus reducing the burden to the taxpayer. The goal and objective for entering into this contract is to continue offering and expanding said programs for the public, at a lower cost to Westchester County residents. DEF staff will continue to monitor Westchester County's recycling programs and in addition will publish the County's annual recycling rate each year. For the past 12 years (since 1997) the County has met or exceeded the state's mandated goal of recycling 40% of the solid waste stream.

I further request authorization to execute the State's grant contract as needed upon receipt. The estimated reimbursement is \$2,000,000.

A proposed resolution is hereby attached.

TJL/msg/stg

Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities,

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for municipal waste reduction and municipal recycling projects; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities herein called the County, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the County deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the County be executed for such State aid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract as follows:

RESOLVED, that the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York and in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York, including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Environmental Facilities is hereby directed and authorized as the official representative of the County of Westchester to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required and to sign the resulting contract, if said application is approved by the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester agrees that it will fund its portion of the cost of said Municipal Reduction and/or Recycling Project costs; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2012	325	60	RD014-00-S	9634		\$2,000,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2012 Start Date: April 9, 2010 End Date: July 16, 2012
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid \$2,000,000 (revenue)

Federal Aid _____

\$2,000,000
(must match resolution)

Other _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/06/2012 - JOMAR VIEIRA, SECRETARY