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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Evan Latainer, Director
Office for the Disabled

Re: **Resolution for Authority to Advertise
Taxi Pilot Program Services
City of Peekskill, New York**

Date: August 30, 2012

The 2012 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.

Earlier this year, in an effort to provide additional alternatives for customers of the Paratransit service while reducing overall costs of the program, the County implemented a Taxi Pilot program in the City of White Plains. The County, pursuant to a bid process, contracted with a local taxi company to provide rides for White Plains customers that opted to utilize 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. Since the Taxi Pilot Program has been successful in White Plains, authority is now sought to advertise for bids for Taxi Pilot Program services in the City of Peekskill as the second phase of the implementation process.

The work under this Taxi Pilot program contract consists of providing taxi services to customers of the County's Paratransit service by utilizing existing regulated taxi companies within the City of Peekskill. 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.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/17/2012 - JONATHAN R. VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Director of the Office for the Disabled, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Office for the Disabled be and he hereby is authorized to solicit bids by public advertisement on the following contract:

Taxi Pilot Program Services
City of Peekskill, 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) 2012
(must match resolution)

Start Date: _____ **End Date:** _____

Funding Source: **Tax Dollars** 100% County
State Aid _____

Contractor Federal I.D. No./ Social Security No.: _____

Federal Aid _____
Other _____

Vendor No.: _____

Encumbrance No.: _____