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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract
FROM: Jay T. Pisco, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation
DATE: August 15, 2013
SUBJECT: Authority to modify Resolution number 34555 to enter into an Agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”), to accept a grant for Capital Project Number A056C – Heavy Equipment Acquisition (2011-2016) at the Westchester County Airport

On July 11, 2013, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution to allow the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an Agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the FAA, to accept a grant of approximately \$1,260,000.00 for Capital Project Number A056C – Heavy Equipment Acquisition (2011-2016) at the Westchester County Airport. This grant will be used to fund the procurement of a replacement aircraft rescue firefighting (“ARFF”) vehicle for use at the Westchester County Airport. The ARFF vehicle that will be replaced was procured in 2003. The grant agreement has not yet been executed.

Bids for the procurement of that ARFF vehicle were received at a significantly lower amount than was expected. The FAA has approved the revised amounts. Authority is therefore requested to modify Resolution 34555 to reflect a lower total cost for the ARFF. Authority is thus requested to enter into an Agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the FAA, to accept a grant of approximately \$553,748.00. The County will have to contribute a local share of approximately \$61,528.00.

This Agreement will serve a public purpose by funding an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle that is required to maintain safe aircraft operations at the Airport.

The objective of this Agreement is to accept Federal funding for a capital project that directly improves the safety of County residents and Airport users as well as continues best management practices. This is a project the County and its Airport would be responsible to fund directly were it not for the availability of Federal grant funds. Acceptance of these funds will relieve the County and the Airport of substantial fiscal responsibility.

The County’s Department of Public Works and Transportation will monitor and report the progress of this project using its own staff and staff from other County departments as appropriate, and will be responsible to invoice the FAA for timely reimbursement as the costs are incurred.

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.

Accordingly, I recommend your Honorable Board’s approval of the annexed Resolution authorizing the County to enter into this grant agreement with the FAA.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that Resolution number 34555 approved on July 11, 2013, be amended to authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Public Works and Transportation, to enter into an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA"), to accept a grant of approximately \$553,748.00 for Capital Project Number A056C – Heavy Equipment Acquisition (2011-2016) at the Westchester County Airport. This grant will be used to fund the procurement of an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle for use at the Westchester County Airport; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement will provide, *inter alia*, that the County will contribute a local share of \$61,528.00 toward the cost of the procurement of an aircraft rescue firefighting vehicle for use at the Westchester County Airport, which funding will come from the Airport Special Revenue Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

JTP/PC/JK

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
361	44	A056C09S	9633		\$ 553,748.00
361	44	A056C09S	9635		\$ 61,528.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013 Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: _____ Contractor Federal I.D. No./
State Aid: _____ Social Security No.: _____
\$ 615,276.00 Federal Aid: \$553,748.00 (FAA) Vendor No.: _____
(must match resolution) Other: \$ 61,528.00 (Airport Special Revenue Fund) Encumbrance No.: _____