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DATE: November 7, 2013

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

Re: Authority to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to receive grant funds in the amount of \$675,000 to be used towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities consistent with the efforts of the local Counter Terrorism Zone ("CTZ") including conducting/participating in exercises and training, the purchase of equipment and bomb squad support for the term September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015.

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "DHSES") through the New York State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program ("SLETPP") and the FY2013 State Homeland Security Program, ("SHSP") to receive grant funds for the County to be used towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities consistent with the efforts of the local Counter Terrorism Zone ("CTZ") including conducting and participating in exercises and training, the purchase of equipment and bomb squad support for the term September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015 in an amount not-to-exceed \$675,000 (the "Grant Agreement"). Pursuant to the Grant Agreement, DHSES shall directly reimburse the County for expenditures pursuant to an approved budget, upon the County's presentation of invoices to the DHSES, together with supporting documentation. There are no matching funds required pursuant to this grant, therefore the Grant Agreement will be at no cost to the County.

The purpose of this grant is to enhance and sustain Westchester County's capabilities to prevent, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks through organization activities, conducting/participating in exercises, the purchase of equipment and bomb squad support. The goals and objectives of this program are terrorism prevention through the enhancement of the public safety and security of the County's residents as part of the New York City Urban Area.

The Agreement is in the County's best interest regarding public safety as the grant funds provided pursuant to the Grant Agreement will increase public safety and security through the County's participation in CTZ activities and additional bomb squad support resources will enable the County to continue and improve its ability to protect residents from the serious threat of explosive devices.

I certify that the 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 each grant (the “Grant Terms”), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms for each grant, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms for each grant, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms for each grant.

The Department will track and monitor the Agreement’s effectiveness by analyzing the results obtained from a series of DHSES required performance measures.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board for the County to enter into this Agreement.

GNL/CG/DI
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/05/2013 - JOINTLY VIEWED SECRETARLY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester (the "County") acting by and through its Department of Public Safety ("Department") to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to be used towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities consistent with the efforts of the local Counter Terrorism Zone ("CTZ") including conducting and participating in exercises and training, the purchase of equipment and bomb squad support in the grant amount of \$675,000 for the term September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof

<u>Account to be Charged/Revenue</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Trust Account</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
2013-2015	263	38	473N	9853		\$675,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013 - 2015 Start Date: September 1, 2013 End Date: August 31, 2015

Funding Source Tax Dollars:
State Aid: \$675,000 (federal pass-thru)
\$675,000 Federal Aid:
(must match resolution)
Other: