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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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RE: Authority to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof, an agreement with ARCADIS of New York, Inc., pursuant to which it will provide professional consulting services for the County's SCADA systems, including, but not necessarily limited to, troubleshooting programming, configuration, and communications problems, and implementing expansions of, and upgrades to, the SCADA systems, as requested by the County, for a term commencing April 1, 2014 and terminating March 31, 2016 (Agreement IT-1340).

BACKGROUND:

- Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures an agreement between the County of Westchester (the "County") and ARCADIS of New York, Inc. ("Arcadis"), pursuant to which Arcadis will provide professional consulting services for the County's SCADA systems, including, but not necessarily limited to, troubleshooting programming, configuration, and communications problems, and implementing expansions of, and upgrades to, the SCADA systems, as requested by the County, for a term commencing April 1, 2014 and terminating March 31, 2016.
- The County uses Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") systems for both the Westchester County Airport and various facilities operated by the Department of Environmental Facilities, including each of the wastewater treatment plants (Blind Brook, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, and Yonkers) and all of the pump stations and Overflow Retention Facilities. The SCADA systems assist in the operation of these facilities by alerting plant operators to problems and by recording important information so that trends can be identified to prevent problems, thereby protecting the sensitive receiving waters in the Hudson River and Long Island Sound.

- Arcadis has significant expertise in providing services for such SCADA systems. Its expertise is based, in part, on its acquisition of Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. ("Malcolm Pirnie"). Malcolm Pirnie provided extensive services for the County's SCADA systems starting in the early 1990s. Many of Malcolm Pirnie's employees were intimately familiar with the County's SCADA systems and had extremely detailed knowledge of these systems. Based on this knowledge of the County's SCADA systems, as well as Malcolm Pirnie's location in White Plains, it was able to quickly respond to, and resolve, problems related to the County's SCADA systems. This familiarity with the County's SCADA systems and close proximity has been crucial in enabling the County's facilities to remain in compliance with their operating permits. Accordingly, now that Arcadis has acquired Malcolm Pirnie, Arcadis offers the County not only general expertise with SCADA systems, but also this uniquely-particular expertise in, and desirable close proximity to, the County's SCADA systems.
- Based upon the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Therefore, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Authority to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures an agreement between the County and Arcadis, 6723 Towpath Road, P.O. Box 66, Syracuse, New York 13214, pursuant to which it will provide professional consulting services for the County's SCADA systems, including, but not necessarily limited to, troubleshooting programming, configuration, and communications problems, and implementing expansions of, and upgrades to, the SCADA systems, as requested by the County, for a term commencing April 1, 2014 and terminating March 31, 2016.

The attached resolution is submitted for your consideration.

JBM/RJL/bdm/nn

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES, AND COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester (the "County") in connection with the procurement of an agreement with ARCADIS of New York, Inc. ("Arcadis"), pursuant to which Arcadis will provide professional consulting services for the County's SCADA systems, including, but not necessarily limited to, troubleshooting programming, configuration, and communications problems, and implementing expansions of, and upgrades to, the SCADA systems, as requested by the County, for a term commencing April 1, 2014 and terminating March 31, 2016.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/31/16

JENNIFER PIRA, SECRETARY