



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

**39690**

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen  
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: April 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a Grant Agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$5,991,125 in funding under the Round 3 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant to be used to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders for the period December 3, 2013 through December 2, 2014

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Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement (the "Agreement") with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State") to accept \$5,991,125 in funding under the Round 3 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant ("SICG"). Funding received under the grant will be used to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders. The term of the Agreement will commence December 3, 2013 and continue through December 2, 2014. The State, in its discretion, may extend the term of the Agreement for an additional twelve (12) month period, subject to appropriation and the further approval of your Honorable Board.

The goals and objectives of the SICG grant are to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders. This will be accomplished by building out infrastructure to support communication via VCALL/VTAC and 7CALL/7TAC National Interoperability channels (NYS SCIP P. 110 10/31/11) and by enhancing the reliability of intra- and inter-County communication through construction of a Countywide and inter-County microwave backbone (SAFECOM Guidance Page 32 FY2013) to support interoperable communication systems. The projects will leverage the County's existing communications infrastructure and regional consortium partnerships to build robust systems to support

interoperable communication for law enforcement, fire, EMS and emergency management in and around the County.

This grant agreement will serve the public's best interest by enhancing public safety communications for first responders, thereby improving coordination among public safety agencies when responding to emergencies.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program. The Department will keep an agenda and meeting minutes on file for all meetings conducted regarding the funded activities.

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.

In view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 09/08/2014 JIMMY VIEIRA SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State"), to accept \$5,991,125 in funding under the Round 3 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant to be used to facilitate the development, consolidation and/or improved operation of public safety communications to support and enhance statewide interoperable communications for first responders for the period December 3, 2013 through December 2, 2014; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the State, in its discretion, may extend the term of the Agreement for an additional twelve (12) month period, subject to appropriation and the further approval of the Westchester County Board of Acquisition & Contracts; and be it further

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

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	263	20	534N	9854	T534	8000	\$5,991,125

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013-14 Start Date 12/3/2013 End Date 12/2/2014  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \$5,991,125  
\$5,991,125 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_