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Date: August 13, 2014

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Dr. Kunjlata Ashar, M.D.
Medical Examiner/Pathologist

Re: Authority to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$731,532 for the Department of Laboratories and Research to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/14-6/30/15

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), to enter into an agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$731,532 for the Department to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/14-6/30/15, pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

The Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program supports salary, supplies and training. It also reduces the average turnaround time of all new probative evidence submissions to the County's Division of Forensic Sciences. The \$731,532 in State funds will enable the Department to cover personnel salaries, purchase of supplies, and accreditation-related training for the Westchester County Crime Lab.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by enhancing the quality of forensic services, thereby expediting criminal case processing.

The goals and objectives of this program are to support salary, training, laboratory supplies, and various accreditation-related requirements for the Westchester County Crime Lab.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public safety because this funding will enhance the quality of forensic services, thus expediting criminal case processing and enabling law enforcement agencies to solve cases and apprehend criminals faster.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored through quarterly progress reports provided to the granting authority.

As this grant agreement does not constitute a procurement of goods or services, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy are not applicable.

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 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.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/04/2015
SOMERSET COUNTY SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Pathologist/Medical Examiner, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research (the "Department"), is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, to accept a grant in the amount of \$731,532 for the Department to participate in the Aid to Crime Labs-Forensic Science Laboratory Program for the period 7/1/14-6/30/15, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	31	068P	9854	T068	\$731,532

Budget Funding Year(s) Current Start Date July 1, 2014 End Date June 30, 2015
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____
 State Aid \$731,532 _____
\$731,532 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____