



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen  
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: November 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Authorization to amend 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, by 1) extending the term of the Agreement for one (1) additional year, from December 3, 2014 through December 2, 2015; and 2) modifying the scope of work under the grant by removing the 7CALL/7TAC component, with all other terms and conditions to remain the same.

By resolution approved on May 8, 2014, your Honorable Board authorized 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") 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 a term commencing December 3, 2013 and continuing through December 2, 2014. The Agreement was subsequently executed.

The State recently approved the Department's request to extend the term of the Agreement for one (1) additional year, from December 3, 2014 through December 2, 2015, to enable the Department to complete the build out of its first responder communication support systems. However, since one of our proposed contractors, Motorola, came in way over budget, it became necessary for the Department to do a budget modification with the State in order to remove the 7CALL/7TAC component from the scope of work. Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested to amend the Agreement with the State to accept \$5,991,125 in funding under the

Round 3 SICG for a term commencing December 3, 2013 and continuing through December 2, 2014, by 1) extending the term of the Agreement for one (1) additional year, from December 3, 2014 through December 2, 2015; and 2) modifying the scope of work under the grant by removing the 7CALL/7TAC component.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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 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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## 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 amend 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 (the "Agreement"), by 1) extending the term of the Agreement for one (1) additional year, from December 3, 2014 through December 2, 2015; and 2) modifying the scope of work under the grant by removing the 7CALL/7TAC component; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; 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
							0

Budget Funding Year(s) 2013-15 Start Date 12/3/2013 End Date 12/2/2015  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
0 Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_