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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Jay T. Pisco, P.E.
Commissioner, Department of Public Works & Transportation

DATE: October 8, 2015

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority in order to accept funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, to perform a feasibility study of the development of a community microgrid in Valhalla, New York for a term commencing June 16, 2015 and terminating February 28, 2016 (Agreement No. 15-951)

On or about May 15, 2015, the County of Westchester (the "County") submitted a grant application to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") in connection with the first stage of the three-stage NY Prize Community Grid Competition which will support the development of community microgrids across New York State. The County's grant application proposed to assess the feasibility of a community microgrid in Valhalla, New York that would initially encompass portions of the Westchester County Complex and the Westchester Community College. On or about June 16, 2015, NYSERDA notified the County that it was awarded \$100,000.00 in grant funds for the County to assess the feasibility of the development of a proposed community microgrid in Valhalla.

Authority is now being sought by your Honorable Board to enter into a grant agreement with NYSERDA to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to perform a feasibility study of the development of a community microgrid in Valhalla, for a term commencing June 16, 2015 and terminating February 28, 2016.

It should be noted by Your Honorable Board that this feasibility study grant award is phase one in a three-stage competition, and should the County wish to proceed after the completion of this feasibility study, the County can apply for additional funding from NYSERDA.

The public purpose of this grant agreement is to assess the feasibility of a microgrid which, if constructed, would assist with electrical grid security infrastructure, and which could provide backup resiliency and sustainability for the County in a time of crisis. Utilizing grant funding will alleviate the need for the use of County tax dollars for this purpose.

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Agreement No. 15-951

Grant Agreement to Accept Funds to Perform a Feasibility Study

Development of a Community Microgrid in Valhalla, New York

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

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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 order to take advantage of these grant funds your approval of the annexed proposed resolution is requested.

JTP/jpi

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/2/2015 - JUAN COCCIARDI, SECRETARY

R E S O L U T I O N

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) in order to accept funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, to perform a feasibility study of the development of a community microgrid in Valhalla, New York, for a term commencing June 16, 2015 and terminating February 28, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, all other terms and conditions of the agreement shall remain unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Agreement No. 15-951

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	46	583Q	9274	T583	\$100,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015-2016
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 06/16/2015

End Date: 02/28/16

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

Federal Aid _____

\$100,000.00
(must match resolution)

Other Revenue _____