



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services**

DATE: May 31, 2018

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a license agreement with the New York State Bridge Authority granting the County of Westchester a non-exclusive license to install radio gateway equipment at the Bear Mountain Bridge for a term commencing upon execution and continuing through October, 2022.

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department"), to enter into a license agreement with the New York State Bridge Authority ("NYSBA") pursuant to which the NYSBA will grant to the County a non-exclusive license to install radio gateway equipment at the Bear Mountain Bridge for a term commencing upon execution and continuing through October, 2022 (the "Agreement"). In consideration for the grant of this License, the County agrees to pay the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and such other good and valuable consideration.

The Department has received Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation ("EHP") approval from Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") to go forward with a plan to install grant funded communications equipment (a fixed radio gateway with required hardware) at the Bear Mountain Bridge ("BMB"). The County, working closely with the NYSBA, has identified a location on the BMB property to install the required equipment. This gateway would be activated by the Westchester County Emergency Communications Center in an effort to enhance voice interoperability in the area around the bridge and ensure that a continuous flow of critical information is maintained as needed among multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary emergency responders, command posts, and agencies during critical emergency events, such as terrorism or a mass casualty.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(b) thereof.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing a suitable location to install the communications equipment which will greatly benefit emergency responders during critical emergency events.

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

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 license agreement with the New York State Bridge Authority (“NYSBA”) pursuant to which the NYSBA will grant to the County a non-exclusive license to install radio gateway equipment at the Bear Mountain Bridge for a term commencing upon execution and continuing through October, 2022 (the “Agreement”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that as consideration for the grant of this License, the County agrees to pay the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and such other good and valuable consideration; 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
	101	20	1000	4420		8000	\$1.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2018 – 2022 Start Date upon execution End Date October 2022
 (must match resolution),

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$1.00
 State Aid _____
\$ 1.00 Federal Aid _____
 (must match resolution) Other _____