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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: May 16, 2019

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to exercise the County's first option under its agreement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions Inc., pursuant to which it was to provide the County with data solutions for comprehensive background screenings of applicants for, and recipients of, various social service programs.

By a resolution approved on December 28, 2017, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to, among other things, enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with LexisNexis Risk Solutions Inc. ("LexisNexis"), pursuant to which LexisNexis was to provide the County with data solutions for comprehensive background screenings of applicants for, and recipients of, various social service programs (the "Services"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,800.00, payable monthly as a monthly flat fee of \$2,150.00, for a period commencing upon the first provision of the Services by LexisNexis and continuing for one (1) year thereafter (the "Initial Term"), with the County having the sole option to extend the term for up to two (2) one (1) year periods beyond the Initial Term, on the same terms and conditions as the Initial Term (each an "Option Term"). The Agreement was subsequently executed and the first provision of the Services by LexisNexis occurred on June 1, 2018. Accordingly, the Initial Term of the Agreement will expire on May 31, 2019.

The County continues to require the Services. Therefore, DSS reviewed and analyzed the costs in the Agreement for the first Option Term in order to ensure that they were reasonable. DSS requested from LexisNexis information about its current pricing for the Services and LexisNexis advised that its current pricing is the same as is available under the first Option Term. For the purposes of its cost analysis, DSS also sought pricing information from two other companies that, to the best of the County's knowledge, customarily provide the Services. However, neither of those companies responded to the County's inquiries. Nevertheless, based upon the recent pricing information received from LexisNexis and consideration of the pricing

contained in the Agreement, DSS's analysis found that the costs for the first Option Term are reasonable.

Accordingly, the County respectfully requests authority from your Honorable Board to exercise its first option under the Agreement and thereby, a.) extend the term thereof by one (1) year, to a new termination date of May 31, 2020; and 2.) increase the total not-to-exceed amount thereof by \$25,800.00, to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$51,600.00, to pay for the Services during the first Option Term (the "First Option Exercise").

Except as specifically described above, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed First Option Exercise will serve a public purpose by enabling the County to continue to receive the Services, which will provide assistance in the detection and prevention of fraud in various public programs.

The goal and objective of the proposed First Option Exercise is to enable the County to continue to receive the Services, which will provide assistance in the detection and prevention of fraud in various public programs.

The goal and objective of the proposed First Option Exercise is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as the County continuing to receive the Services will ensure that the County has access to useful tools designed to help reduce fraud and waste in various public programs.

The goal and objective of the First Option Exercise will be monitored by the staff of the Department.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

KMM/EC/bdm/nn

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to exercise its first option under an agreement (the "Agreement") with LexisNexis Risk Solutions Inc. ("LexisNexis"), pursuant to which LexisNexis was to provide the County with data solutions for comprehensive background screenings of applicants for, and recipients of, various social service programs (the "Services"), for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,800.00, payable monthly as a monthly flat fee of \$2,150.00, for a period commencing upon the first provision of the services by LexisNexis and continuing for one (1) year thereafter (the "Initial Term"), with the County having the sole option to extend the term for up to two (2) one (1) year periods beyond the Initial Term, on the same terms and conditions as the Initial Term, (each an "Option Term") and thereby, a.) extend the term thereof by one (1) year, to a new termination date of May 31, 2020, based upon the first provision of the services by LexisNexis having occurred on June 1, 2018 and the Initial Term, therefore, expiring on May 31, 2019; and 2.) increase the not-to-exceed amount thereof by \$25,800.00, to a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$51,600.00, to pay for the Services during the first Option Term (the "First Option Exercise"); and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically hereby authorized to be modified by the First Option Exercise, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2019	101	22	4000	4420	-----	\$15,050
2020	101	22	4000	4420	----- -	\$10,750

Budget Funding Year(s): 2019-20 Start Date: 06/01/2019 End Date: 05/31/2020
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 60%
 State Aid: 0%
\$25,800.00 Federal Aid: 40%
(must match resolution) Other: