

DATE January 28, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Acting Commissioner

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the County of Westchester to Solicit Bids by Public Advertisement for Lead-Based Paint Hazard Activities in Residential Properties Located throughout Westchester County.

The attached resolution requests authorization to solicit bids by public advertisement for Bid Number C-LSW-10-183 to remove lead-based paint hazards in residential properties located throughout Westchester County. These properties will be occupied by low and moderate income residents.

Public advertising for certified lead contractors is necessary as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires only that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified lead contractors be used to provide lead hazard control improvements. The public bid will solicit one or more EPA certified contractors. Due to the volume of work that may be needed at any one time, the County is planning on awarding several contractors based on pricing. The lowest responsible bidder, if the County makes an award, shall be utilized as the primary contractor, while the next lowest responsible bidder will be named secondary contractor and utilized only in the event the primary contractor is unable to provide the services. A third contractor may be also chosen in the event the first two contractors are unable to provide the services.

The successful bidder(s) will provide services to reduce lead hazards in housing units or buildings ranging from approximately one (1) to fifty (50) units. The successful bidder(s) will also be required to submit a One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollar performance security in the form of a certified check .

The work provided by the successful bidder(s) will serve the public purpose of protecting the public health and safety.

The goal and objective of this project is to ensure the health and safety of the public by eliminating lead-based paint hazards in residential housing. Lead poisoning is a serious problem for children that can harm their brains and nervous systems. Westchester County Department of Health will identify children with high lead blood levels and refer their homes to the Westchester County Department of Planning for lead remediation. The Planning Department will also accept applications from owners of residential properties eligible for such improvements. The Planning Department staff will review the qualifications of each bidder and the quality of work completed will be examined and tested by a certified lead inspector prior to issuance of payment to contractor.

Should this request not be authorized, these grant funds will not be expended on eligible grant activities prior to the end of the term which will result in the forfeiture of these grant funds back to HUD. Also, homes in Westchester County will not be remediated of lead based paint, possibly causing harm to additional children.

This matter has been reviewed by the Law Department.

The appropriate resolution is attached.

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Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 2-18-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED: that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to solicit bids by public advertisement on the following Bid Number C-LSW-10-183 for lead-based paint elimination projects, and be it further

RESOLVED: that performance security in the amount of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars in the form of a certified check to be provided by the successful bidder(s) shall be deemed adequate and sufficient security; and be it further

RESOLVED: that this advertisement for bids will state that, pursuant to Section 308.01 of the Laws of Westchester County, the policy of the County is to encourage the meaningful and significant participation of County contracts for business enterprises owned by persons of color and women – Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and be it further

RESOLVED: that such advertisement shall appear in the following newspaper(s): The Journal News (Southern Edition), and it is further

RESOLVED: that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to effectuate purposes hereof.

Recommended for Approval

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	19	638K	4380	T638	

Budget Funding Year(s) FY 2010 Start Date _____ End Date _____
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$ _____ Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____

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