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DATE: February 25, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Marguerite Beirne, Chief Information Officer
Department of Information Technology

RE: RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT FROM THE OPERATION OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY PROCUREMENT POLICY AN AGREEMENT (IT-1604) WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. ("MOTOROLA") WHEREBY MOTOROLA WILL PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY'S MICROWAVE SYSTEM

The County of Westchester ("County") operates microwave links ("Microwave System"), which support the County's UHF trunked analog two-way radio system ("Trunked Radio System") and two VHF conventional analog two-way radio systems ("F1 and F3 Radio Systems") (collectively herein referred to as the "Radio Systems").

The County utilizes Lightpath fiber optic lines for primary connectivity between the County's Radio system sites. The Microwave System supports the Radio Systems by providing a backup to these fiber optic lines which rely on utility poles that are vulnerable to damage caused by storms and motor vehicle accidents.

The Radio Systems facilitate effective communication among emergency responders throughout the County, including the Department of Emergency Services, local fire departments and local emergency medical services. The County Department of Public Works and Transportation also utilizes the system as a means to communicate with its surface bus fleet. The F1 and F3 Radio Systems facilitate communications for the Department of Public Safety and, also, provide interoperability with municipal police departments within the County.

It is vitally important that the Radio Systems continue to function reliably with minimal disruption, and the Microwave System provides that reliability.

Motorola was the original equipment manufacturer and vendor responsible for the design and implementation of the Microwave System. In addition to being uniquely familiar with both the underlying equipment and design of this vital system, Motorola is the only source of critical replacement components, and as such it is the most responsible choice as a service provider for a maintenance contract.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi, the Westchester County Procurement Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which this Honorable Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the policy would not be in the best interests of the County. Based on the reasons described above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this procurement from the County Procurement Policy.

A separate resolution is also before your Honorable Board requesting authorization to enter into a maintenance service agreement with Motorola for the Microwave System for a term of March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

Accordingly, the attached resolution is submitted for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and, accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester (“County”) in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Motorola, Solutions, Inc., (“Motorola”) whereby Motorola will provide maintenance service for the County’s microwave system for a term of March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

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