

# 77049

DATE: May 27, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic  
Acting Medical Examiner/Pathologist

RE: Request for authority for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the United States of America, acting by and through its Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), pursuant to which the County will participate in the National Forensic Laboratory Information System program which collects data from toxicology labs to help determine drug usage trends ("NFLIS-Tox"), for the period commencing upon execution and continuing indefinitely subject to either party's termination for convenience on 60-days notice.

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Authority is sought for the County, acting by and through its Department of Laboratories and Research (the "Department"), to enter into an MOU with the United States of America, acting by and through its DEA, pursuant to which the County will participate in the NFLIS-Tox program which collects data from toxicology labs around the country to help determine drug usage trends. The term of the Agreement will commence upon execution and continue indefinitely, subject to either party's termination for convenience on 60-days notice.

Pursuant to the terms of the MOU, the County, through the Department, will provide the DEA, on a monthly basis, with data on toxicological findings from postmortem and antemortem testings. This data, in conjunction with data from other public and private labs around the country, will help to provide a comprehensive picture of our Nation's drug problem.

It should be noted that NFLIS-Tox is a strictly a voluntary program and the County will receive no remuneration for its participation.

The MOU will serve a public purpose by enabling the DEA to determine drug usage trends around the country and to formulate strategic and tactical drug control plans, policies, and operations.

As the County is not procuring goods or services, the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply

A Resolution for your Honorable Board's consideration is herewith attached.

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Attachment

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Acting Medical Examiner/Pathologist of the Department of Laboratories and Research, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Laboratories and Research (the "Department"), is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States of America, acting by and through its Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), pursuant to which the County will participate in the National Forensic Laboratory Information System program which collects data from toxicology labs around the country to help determine drug usage trends ("NFLIS-Tox"), for the period commencing upon execution and continuing indefinitely subject to either party's termination for convenience on 60-days notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that NFLIS-Tox is a strictly a voluntary program and the County will receive no remuneration for its participation; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, and hereby is authorized to enter into and execute this agreement for the County of Westchester.

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars

Budget Funding Years  
(must match resolution)

Start Date Upon execution

End Date TBD

Funding Source  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BOARD OF ACCOUNTANTS & COMPTROLLER  
LISA MARIJAJ, SECRETARY