



**Department of Emergency Services**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Anthony W. Sutton, Commissioner of Emergency Services

**RE:** Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Homeland Security for the provision of Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program funds in order to implement a field deployable, self-contained radio interoperability Site-on-Wheels for the period commencing June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011

**DATE:** February 24, 2010

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department") to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office of Homeland Security ("NYSOHS"), for the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011, for the provision of Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program funds in order to acquire a field deployable, self-contained radio interoperability site-on-wheels ("SOW"). The County's objective is to create a platform that can be used to meet situation-specific response-level interoperable communication needs within three hours anywhere in the region for incidents involving multiple agencies or jurisdictions. Funding for this grant will be provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency through NYSOHS. NYSOHS will reimburse the County for actual costs incurred in an amount not-to-exceed \$318,624.00 in federal funds and the County will provide \$106,208.00 in matching funds from a State-created Indian Point Trust Account from which the County is allocated funds each year, for a total project cost of \$424,832.00.

The goals and objectives of the Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program are to enhance Westchester County's communications capability during an incident. Westchester's SOW will provide redundant communication interoperability by providing a mobile, highly flexible, stand-alone radio site that can rapidly establish radio channel coverage for large areas and incidents.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest in that it enhances emergency communications capabilities for County responders who are tasked with insuring the health, safety and general welfare of County residents. The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by NYSOHS.

If this resolution were not approved, there would be negative consequences to taxpayers because the County would not develop this redundant communications capability.

If this resolution were not approved, the safety and security of County residents would be diminished by not having a back up transmitter should one or more transmitters in our primary systems be lost from a natural or man made circumstance.

In order to take advantage of these grant funds your approval of the annexed proposed resolution is requested. Accordingly, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

AWS/tsa  
attachment

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## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (“Department”) is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the New York State Office of Homeland Security (“NYSOHS”), for the provision of Interoperable Emergency Communication Grant Program funds in order to implement a field deployable, self-contained radio interoperability Site-on-Wheels for the period June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that NYSOHS will reimburse the County for actual costs incurred in an amount not-to-exceed \$318,624.00 in federal funds and the County will provide \$106,208.00 in matching funds from an Indian Point Trust Account, for a total project cost of \$424,832.00; 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
263	20	999J	2400	T999	8000	\$318,624
263	20	752G	3240	T752	8000	\$106,208

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009-2011 Start Date 6/1/09 End Date 5/31/11  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
 State Aid \$106,208  
\$ 318,624 Federal Aid \$318,624  
 (must match resolution) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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