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Date: August 18, 2020

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: George Latimer
County Executive

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Design Technologies LLC to deliver a bioscience accelerator program including entrepreneurship education and business networking for Westchester County-based pre-seed and seed stage entrepreneurs, with the County giving preference to and targeting entrepreneurs working on COVID-19 preparedness and recovery projects, for a term from August 1 2020 through July 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$445,000.00 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

Authority of your Honorable Board is requested to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy the procurement of an agreement with Design Technologies LLC to deliver a bioscience accelerator program including entrepreneurship education and business networking for Westchester County-based pre-seed and seed stage entrepreneurs, with the County giving preference to and targeting entrepreneurs working on COVID-19 preparedness and recovery projects, for a term from August 1 2020 through July 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$445,000.00 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

These services are necessary to support and grow the bioscience industry of Westchester County, which is one of the fastest growing economic sectors nationwide. Westchester County is a hub for bioscience industries, and this bioscience accelerator program will allow the County to foster further development in this industry and continue to work towards fighting COVID-19 by supporting entrepreneurs working on technologies to combat and assist with COVID-19 efforts. Design Technologies LLC is the sole provider of this accelerator program.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi), the Westchester County Procurement Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which your Honorable Board determines, by Resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the policy would not be in the best interest of the County. It is proposed that the County's interest would be served by exempting the procurement of this agreement from the County Procurement Policy. A Resolution to exempt the procurement of this agreement is submitted for your consideration.

As I believe this agreement to be in the best interests of the County, I most respectfully recommend and urge the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive, 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 interest of the County of Westchester ("County") in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Design Technologies LLC to deliver a bioscience accelerator program including entrepreneurship education and business networking for Westchester County-based pre-seed and seed stage entrepreneurs, with the County giving preference to and targeting entrepreneurs working on COVID-19 preparedness and recovery projects, for a term from August 1 2020 through July 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$445,000.00 payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

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