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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin P. Mahon
Commissioner

Date: February 24, 2010

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition & Contract

From: Kevin P. Mahon, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a) (xxi) thereof, an agreement with the City of Peekskill, acting by and through its Youth Bureau, for services to implement the Green Jobs Corps program under a grant from the New York State Department of Labor

On December 7, 2009, your Honorable Board approved a Resolution exempting five agencies listed below from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, for services to implement the Green Jobs Corps program under a grant from the New York State Department of Labor for an amount not to exceed \$254,000, with the following parties and their respective amounts not-to-exceed:

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| 1.) Community Housing Innovations, Inc. | \$42,500 |
| 2.) Westhab, Inc. | \$42,500 |
| 3.) Habitat for Humanity of Westchester, Inc. | \$42,000 |
| 4.) Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES | \$28,000 |
| 5.) Southern Westchester BOCES | \$99,000 |

Inadvertently, the City of Peekskill, acting by and through its Youth Bureau, was left out from the list of agencies in the resolution approved by your Honorable Board on December 7, 2009 granting exemption from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xxi).

Accordingly, authority is now requested to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a) (xxi) thereof, an agreement with the City of Peekskill, acting by

and through its Youth Bureau, for services to implement the Green Jobs Corps program under a grant from the New York State Department of Labor for an amount not to exceed \$75,500, making the total aggregate not to exceed amount \$329,500 for the period from November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010.

Each of these parties was part of the proposal the County submitted, on behalf of the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Investment Board (the "WPWIB"), to the New York State Department of Labor ("NYSDOL") in response to NYSDOL's Request For Proposal ("RFP") #Q-37 "Emerging and Transitional Worker Training" (the "Proposal"). Based on the proposal the County submitted, NYSDOL awarded WPWIB \$440,803. It is imperative that the County enter into agreements with the agencies listed in the proposal.

This proposed agreement will serve a **public purpose** by obtaining the assistance needed to operate the Green Jobs Corps program and thereby train unemployed young adults and veterans in the skills needed to enter and advance in "green" industries and occupations while enhancing the capacity of these local organizations to implement "green" jobs programs.

The goals and objectives of this proposed agreement are to provide up to 100 at-risk youth, veterans and eligible spouses with a comprehensive range of educational, training and employment services and supports designed to prepare them for employment in Westchester's growing energy-efficiency building, construction and retrofit industries.

The goals and objectives of this proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility. The proposed agreement will all be funded by a grant from the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), which will allow all of the aforementioned training to take place at no cost to the County or the WPWIB. Accordingly, the possible reduced need for public assistance and increases in tax contributions by those trained under the program and, hopefully, subsequently employed, will all be of direct benefit to the County and the entire WPWIB area.

Additionally, **the goals and objectives of this proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of health and the environment.** The training to be carried out under the overall Green Jobs Corps program will focus attention and resources on "green", environmentally-friendly jobs and businesses, and thereby encourage the growth of environmentally-friendly industries in the region.

The goals and objectives of this proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored via the One Stop Operating System and monthly reports from case managers.

If this resolution were not approved, the County and the WPWIB would not be able to contract with the City of Peekskill, acting by and through its Youth Bureau, which was a party of the Proposal the County submitted on behalf of the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Investment Board (the "WPWIB"), to the New York State Department of Labor ("NYSDOL") in response to NYSDOL's Request For Proposal ("RFP") #Q-37 "Emerging and Transitional Worker Training" (the "Proposal"). Failing to provide the aforesaid services would result in fewer local residents (specifically, at-risk youth, veterans and eligible spouses) being trained in

“green” jobs and industries, thereby depriving them of additional, marketable skills that would make them more competitive in the marketplace.

Pursuant to Section 3(a) xxi, the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures are 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.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Social Services, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, 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 in connection with the procurement of an agreement with the City of Peekskill, acting by and through its Youth Bureau, for services to implement the Green Jobs Corps program under a grant from the New York State Department of Labor:

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	_____	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) N/A Start Date N/A End Date N/A
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars N/A
 State Aid N/A
\$N/A Federal Aid N/A
 (must match resolution) Other _____

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