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October 5, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Thomas Gleason
Acting Commissioner of Public Safety

RE: Request for authority for the County of Westchester ("County") acting by and through its Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") pursuant to which the County will participate in the Westchester Organized Crime Task Force ("WOCTF"). The MOU will commence upon execution and will continue indefinitely. Either party may terminate the Agreement upon 30 days' notice to the other.

Authority to enter into a MOU between the FBI and the County, acting by and through its Department is hereby requested. Pursuant to the MOU, the County would participate in the WOCTF. The MOU will commence upon execution and will continue indefinitely. Either party may terminate the Agreement upon 30 days' notice to the other. The County's participation consists of the assignment of one (1) detective to the WOCTF. The agreement provides for reimbursement of some overtime expenses for participating agencies.

The public purpose of the agreement is to delineate the responsibilities of the WOCTF participants, maximize inter-agency cooperation, and formalize relationships among the participating agencies for policy guidance, planning, training, and public relations.

The goals and objectives of this program will identify and target for prosecution, individuals and groups belonging to, or associated with both traditional and non-traditional organized crime in cases which include but are not limited to public corruption, labor racketeering, extortion, infiltration of legitimate business, and money laundering, where County or FBI jurisdiction exists. The WOCTF will enhance the effectiveness of federal/state/local law enforcement resources through a well coordinated initiative seeking the most effective investigative/prosecutive avenues by which to convict and incarcerate dangerous offenders.

The goals and objectives of this program will support the public safety and/or welfare by using other investigative methods (search warrants, interceptions of oral communications, etc.) and reporting procedures in connection with the FBI, which will protect Westchester County residents from such criminals in a more effective and efficient manner.

This program will be tracked and monitored by the FBI and reports to the Public Safety Commissioner every six months evaluating progress and activity against goals and objectives. Control files on all cases are maintained within the FBI space. Public Safety can access all files when needed.

The agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3
(a) iii.

Wherefore, authority is respectfully sought for the County of Westchester to enter into this agreement.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/15/2020 - LISA MRIJAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted for the County of Westchester (“County”) acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to which the County will participate in the Westchester Organized Crime Task Force (“WOCTF”); and be it further

RESOLVED, that participation in the MOU consists of the County assigning one (1) detective to the WOCTF; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOU will commence upon execution and will continue indefinitely. Either party may terminate the Agreement upon 30 days’ notice to the other; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, be, 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	Revenue	Trust Account	Dollars
N/A						N/A

Budget Funding Years _____
(must match resolution)
N/A

Start Date Upon Execution

End Date 2 years

Funding Source
\$ _____
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid _____
Other _____