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## **ID #80213**

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Benjamin Boykin II  
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

DATE: October 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., to provide Career & Training Initiative program at three of its Community Action Partnership Centers located in New Rochelle, Tarrytown and Ossining, New York, for a period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures.

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Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt the procurement of an agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Westchester (the "County") and Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCop"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures ("County Procurement Policy"). Under the Agreement, WestCop would provide Career & Training Initiative program with Career Counselors/Job Developer at three (3) of its Community Action Partnership Centers located in New Rochelle, Tarrytown and Ossining, New York, for a term commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.00.

Ordinarily, under Section 5(b) of the County Procurement Policy, the County is required to obtain three (3) written quotations for such services. However, it is proposed that compliance with the County Procurement Policy would not be in the best interest of the County in regard to this Agreement because WestCop is a not-for-profit organization that has been successfully providing programs to assist low-income residents in fighting poverty through activities that foster self-sufficiency for more than 54 years and has significantly contributed to reduce the financial burden on the County's social services programs ("Social Services").

WestCop's mission is to provide services to individuals and families at risk of becoming dependent on Social Services, either partially or wholly. It has significant experience and success with its on-going programs that have significantly reduced the financial burden on the County by slowing the rate of entry and lowering the rate of recidivism for Social Services.

The County believes that the requested exemption is justified due to WestCop unique focus dealing with low income immigrants. Based on the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of the proposed Agreement from the County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

BB/CMC

## **RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is 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, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (“WestCop”), for a term commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing through December 31, 2020, pursuant to which WestCop would provide Career & Training Initiative program at three of its Community Action Partnership Centers located in New Rochelle, Tarrytown and Ossining, New York.