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DATE: July 2, 2010

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John J. Hsu, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into a total of six (6) agreements with six (6) contractors for the purpose of obtaining up to 2,000 home energy audits for residential property owners in Westchester County, for the period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per audit and a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. (Agreement No. 10-929)

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting on behalf of the Westchester/Putnam Workforce Investment Board, (the "County") to enter into a total of six (6) agreements with the six (6) contractors listed below, for the purpose of obtaining up to 2,000 home energy audits for residential property owners in Westchester County, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per audit and a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000.00:

- 1.) Alternate Design, Inc. d/b/a Bright Homes Energy Ideas
- 2.) Singer Holding Corporation d/b/a Comfort Solutions
- 3.) Green Star Energy Solutions, LLC
- 4.) All HVAC Service Company, Inc.
- 5.) Brighthouse Energy Solutions, LLC
- 6.) Franzoso Contracting, Inc.

The funds to be used for these contracts are part of a grant from the United States Department of Energy, and this allocation of \$200,000.00 was specifically earmarked for home energy audits in that grant.

On May 12, 2010, the Department issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide up to 2,000 home energy audits for residential property owners in Westchester County. Seven (7) proposals in response to the RFP were received and six (6) of the proposers were found to be qualified and found to have offered proposals that satisfied the interests of the County.

The proposed agreements will serve a public purpose by providing free home energy audits to residential property owners in Westchester County, thereby giving them the information they need to make their home more energy efficient and reduce their energy costs and usage and their impact on the environment.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are to provide up to 2,000 home energy audits for residential property owners in Westchester County, as well as simultaneously make those property owners aware of funding opportunities available to them to actually make energy-efficient improvements.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are in the best interest of the County in terms of health and the environment, as these free home energy audits will provide residential property owners with the information they need in order to make their homes more energy efficient and, as a result, reduce their homes' energy costs and usage and related impacts on the environment. The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements are also in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as all of the audits that are to be conducted will be paid for solely by the aforementioned federal grant.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements will be tracked and monitored via submission of a completed audit report signed by the homeowner, follow-up phone call by a customer service representative from United Way 211, and program staff monthly reports.

If this resolution were not approved, the County would not be able to contract with these six (6) contractors to provide these home energy audits, thereby depriving residential property owners in Westchester County of the opportunity to obtain a free audit that would give them the information they need to make their home more energy efficient and reduce their energy usage and costs and their homes' impacts on the environment. In addition, the County would fail to use the aforementioned federal grant funds for the purpose for which they were given to the County, which might have separate consequences.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached resolution.

JJH/BDM/bdm
Attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 7-22-2010 - JOMAR VIEIRA, SECRETARY

R E S O L U T I O N

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting on behalf of the Westchester/Putnam Workforce Investment Board (the "County"), is authorized to enter into a total of six (6) agreements with the six (6) contractors listed below for the purpose of obtaining up to 2,000 home energy audits for residential property owners in Westchester County, for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, for an amount not to exceed \$100.00 per audit and a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000.00:

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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose hereof.

Agreement No. 10-929

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	46	023K	8675	T023	\$200,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010-2011 Start Date 07/01/10 End Date 06/30/11
(must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars _____ Contractor Federal I.D. No./ Social Security No.: _____

State Aid _____

\$200,000.00 Federal Aid 100% USDOE EECBG Vendor No.: _____
(must match resolution)

Other _____ Encumbrance No.: _____

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