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Date: September 27, 2010

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kunjlata Ashar, M.D., Acting Pathologist/M.E.
Department of Laboratories and Research

Re: Authority to amend an agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the U.S. Department of Justice to accept a grant in the amount of \$124,050 to participate in the FY2009 Forensic Science Improvement program for the period 10/1/09-9/30/10 by extending the term of the agreement to a new termination date of 3/31/2011

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research, to amend its agreement with the United States of America acting by and through the U.S. Department of Justice to accept a grant in the amount of \$124,050 to participate in the FY2009 Forensic Science Improvement program for the period 10/1/09-9/30/10 by extending the term of the agreement to a new termination date of 3/31/2011.

The Forensic Science Improvement Program will enable the Department of Labs & Research Division of Forensic Sciences to purchase laboratory equipment including items to upgrade our Laboratory Information Management System, provide funds for training of laboratory scientists, and for the renovations of laboratory facilities. The equipment requested will allow the laboratory to screen drug samples prior to analysis, reduce contamination and assist in troubleshooting equipment problems. The renovation of lab facilities will allow for more efficient use of existing space to conduct tests on evidentiary materials. Training funds will be used to train existing staff in the use and maintenance of laboratory instrumentation.

The contract has the public purpose of promoting public safety for the residents of Westchester County by upgrading instrumentation software and training for staff scientists with resulting improvements to forensic services.

The goals and objectives of the program are to provide the residents of Westchester County with improved forensic services. The value and importance are in the best interest of the County in terms of ensuring continued public safety by enhancing law enforcement's ability to solve crimes and keep criminals off the street. The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Forensic division which submits semi-annual statistical reports on the Federal Grant Management System in order to meet grant reporting requirements, in conjunction with the

Administrative division, which submits fiscal cost reports on the Federal Grant Management System.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

KA/mlg

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10-14-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Pathologist/Medical Examiner it is hereby,

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Laboratories & Research, is authorized to amend its Agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the U.S. Department of Justice, to accept a grant in the amount of \$124,050 to participate in the FY2009 Forensic Science Improvement program, for the period 10/1/09-9/30/10, by extending the term of the agreement to a new termination date of 3/31/2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of said agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the purposes hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

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

Budget Funding Year(s) 2009-2010 Start Date 10/1/09 End Date 3/31/11

(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution)

Other _____