



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM: Anthony W. Sutton
Commissioner of Emergency Services**

DATE: October 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$2,056,052.00 in funding to assist the County of Westchester in its efforts to procure equipment, provide training, conduct planning and exercises to enhance Westchester's capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY09 State Homeland Security Program for the period August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012

Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("DES"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to accept funds for the period August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$2,056,052.00. The goals and objectives of the State Homeland Security Program are to enhance Westchester County's capability to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and naturally occurring disaster situations in compliance with the FY09 State Homeland Security Program.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents. The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. Additionally, this agreement will enhance common planning and operational protocols and improve emergency responder skills and capabilities. The Department will be able to monitor the effectiveness of this effort through a series of performance measures required by DHSES. In view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

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