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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

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DATE: December 28, 2010

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Grant Mitchell, MD, Acting Commissioner
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to amend an agreement with United Way Of Westchester & Putnam d/b/a Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 (DSS 725-10) to provide employment to fifteen (15) TANF eligible individuals to become Home Energy Call Specialists in an amount not to exceed \$11,370 for the period April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 by: 1) increasing the amount not-to-exceed by \$79,608 from a total amount not to exceed \$11,370 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$90,978 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget; and 2) extending the contract termination date from September 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010

On or about May 12, 2010, the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services, Office of Workforce Investment, entered into an agreement with United Way of Westchester & Putnam d/b/a Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 (DSS 725-10) to provide training for up to fifteen Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) eligible individuals to become Home Energy Call Specialists. The agreement entered into was in an amount not to exceed \$11,370 for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 (the “Agreement”).

Authority is now respectfully requested to amend the Agreement by: 1) increasing the amount not to exceed by \$79,608.00 from an amount not to exceed \$11,370 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$90,978 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget; and 2) extending the contract termination date from September 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The proposed amendment will be at no additional cost to the County as the additional funding will be provided through a grant from the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (“OTDA”). The proposed amendment will provide full time employment for the ten (10) TANF eligible individuals who successfully completed the training as Home Energy Call Specialists. The additional funds will be used to subsidize the wages of the ten (10) full time employees hired by United Way.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by providing education, training, and subsidized job placements for low or no income TANF eligible customers of Westchester County Department of Social Services that will help them gain work experience and reduce their reliance on public assistance.

The goals and objectives of this proposed agreement are to provide full time employment, education, and training for fifteen (15) TANF eligible recipients who lack adequate job skills and/or work history.

These **goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** because the proposed agreements will be funded via a grant from the OTDA. Therefore, the training and subsidized employment of the TANF recipients will be at no cost to the County. Accordingly, the potential for a reduction in the need for public assistance and increased tax contributions by those employed will be of direct benefit to the County and the entire Westchester Putnam Workforce Investment Board ("WPWIB") area.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored via monthly reports and site visits.

According to information provided by the vendor, United Way 211 trained 15 people as Home Energy Call Specialists of whom United Way hired 10 for full time employment.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to amend the aforesaid agreement for the purposes stated above. An appropriate resolution is attached herewith for your Honorable Board's consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS 1-29-2011 - JIMMY MILLER, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the “County”), acting by and through the Department of Social Services, Office of Workforce Investment (the “Department”), is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with United Way Of Westchester & Putnam d/b/a Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1 (DSS 725-10) to provide employment for up to fifteen (15) TANF eligible individuals to become Home Energy Call Specialists in an amount not to exceed \$11,370 for the period from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010 by: 1) increasing the amount not-to-exceed by \$79,608 from a total amount not to exceed \$11,370 to a new total not to exceed amount of \$90,978 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget to cover the cost of subsidizing the wages of the ten (10) full time employees hired by United Way; and 2) extending the contract termination date from September 30, 2010 to December 31, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Original Contract Amount: \$11,370
This Amendment: \$79,608
 Total \$90,978

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
275	22	983J	7340	T983	\$79,608

Budget Funding Year(s): 2009 (Grant Year)
 (must match resolution)

Start Date: N/A End Date: 12/31/10

Funding Source

Tax Dollars:

State Aid:

\$79,608

Federal Aid: 100%

(must match resolution)

Other: _____