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Department of Social Services

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Date: April 13, 2011

To: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition & Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

Re: Authority to amend the agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Department of Labor, to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used by the County to fund the "Green Talent Pipeline" project in the Hudson Valley Region by extending the end date from April 30, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at no cost to the County

By Resolution approved on December 2, 2010, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department"), Office of Workforce Investment, on behalf of the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Investment Board ("WPWIB"), to enter into an agreement with New York State, acting by and through its Department of Labor ("NYSDOL"), to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used by the County to fund the "Green Talent Pipeline" project in the Hudson Valley Region for the period of one year from the execution of the agreement. This agreement was subsequently executed to expire on 4/30/11.

NYSDOL has approved a two month no-cost extension from April 30, 2011 to June 30, 2011 for the aforesaid grant agreement. Therefore, authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to amend the agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Department of Labor, to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000 by extending the end date of the agreement from April 30, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at no cost to the County.

As your Honorable Board may know, the County's Department of Social Services, Office of Workforce Investment (the "Department"), acting on behalf of the Westchester/Putnam Local Workforce Investment Board ("WPLWIB"), was awarded grants by the New York State Department of Labor ("NYSDOL") for two consecutive years (2008 and 2009) to create the Hudson Valley Green Talent Pipeline Program (the "Partnership"), consisting of a comprehensive team of strong organizations, including various economic development agencies,

higher education institutions, local workforce investment boards, and both private and public employers from the entire Hudson Valley Region that were dedicated to addressing the needs of the 'green' jobs in the region. The purpose of the Green Talent Pipeline program is to create a regional strategy that will enhance the Hudson Valley Region's global competitiveness by focusing on talent development and retention activities that integrate workforce development, economic development, and education at the regional level for "green" workers. Since the goals for the first and second year of the program were successfully met, DSS received notice from NYSDOL that the Partnership has been approved for another \$500,000 in funding for a third year.

This agreement will serve a **public purpose** as the funds received hereunder will be used to improve the Hudson Valley Region's Green Talent Pipeline project.

The goal of the project pursuant to this grant agreement is to develop regional strategies for economic transformation through the Hudson Valley Green Talent Pipeline initiative. The program has served 767 participants that include students, teachers, job seekers and workers in various green job training throughout the Hudson Valley region. The goal for this year is to continue to implement training initiatives designed to prepare workers and jobseekers for employment in energy efficiency, retrofitting, renewable energy and/or green building.

The goal and objective of this contract are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because this agreement will provide the County with federal and state funds to support the implementation of the regional Green Talent Pipeline project through training programs that address environmental awareness and energy efficiency at home, in school and in the workplace. **Further, the goals and objectives of this contract are also in the best interests of the County in terms of environmental** responsibility because the project will provide opportunities to increase the awareness of the public about the value of caring for the environment at work and otherwise.

The goals and objectives of this agreement will be monitored by the state through monthly WPLWIB reports submitted in accordance to the provisions contained in the grant agreement. **It is to be noted that all the projected goals and objectives pursuant to the previous Partnership Initiative were successfully accomplished.**

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of this agreement shall remain the same.

This procurement is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) iii thereof.

An appropriate resolution is attached herewith seeking your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the “Department”), Office of Workforce Investment, acting on behalf of the Westchester/Putnam Local Workforce Investment Board, is hereby authorized to amend a grant agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through its Department of Labor, to accept a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to be used by the County to fund the “Green Talent Pipeline” project in the Hudson Valley Region by extending the end date of the said agreement from April 30, 2011 to June 30, 2011 at no cost to the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, all other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain the same; and be it further

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

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Account to be
Charged/Credited

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

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A Start Date: N/A End Date: 06/30/11
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: N/A

State Aid: N/A

\$N/A Federal Aid: N/A
(must match resolution)

Other: