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DATE: May 3, 2011

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$745,197.00 toward the purchase of a helicopter for use by the Department of Public Safety Aviation Unit

Attached for your consideration is a Resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Department of Public Safety ("Department"), to enter into an agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") for the period August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2013 to accept funding in an amount not to exceed \$745,197.00 toward the purchase of a helicopter for use by the Department's Aviation Unit.

These federal funds are made available through the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program ("SLETPP") to advance the ability of local law enforcement agencies to plan for, prevent and deter terrorist attacks. The \$745,197.00 award will be used in connection with the Department's purchase of a new helicopter which will be deployed in furtherance of the SLETPP goals. Additional funds will come from other federally funded grant programs. No County funds are required for this program.

The public purpose of this grant is to enhance the public safety by procuring and deploying resources to prevent and deter terrorist attacks in addition to providing air support to police, fire, EMS, and Emergency Management agencies in the furtherance of their respective missions. The goals and objectives of this program will be met by facilitating inspections of critical infrastructure and key resources in addition to providing both rapid access to emergency scenes and access to otherwise difficult to reach locations for both the deployment of assets and resources and for aerial observation of such places. The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by monthly reporting of activity by the Aviation Unit to the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety through the chain of command.

Based upon the foregoing, I most respectfully recommend approval of the attached Resolution.

GNL/JW/tsa
Attachment

