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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Diane G. Balistreri
Coordinator, Office for Women

DATE: June 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Authority to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, an agreement with Pace University, acting by and through the Women's Justice Center of the Pace University School of Law, for the provision of a trainer/attorney at the Family Court Legal Program of the Family Justice Center

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy an agreement between the County of Westchester (the "County") and Pace University, acting by and through the Women's Justice Center of the Pace University School of Law ("Pace"), pursuant to which Pace would provide a trainer/attorney at the Family Court Legal Program of the Family Justice Center.

The proposed agreement will have a term of one year, beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011, for an amount not-to-exceed Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$92,372), to be paid quarterly pursuant to an approved budget.

The funding for the proposed agreement would be provided by part of a \$1,000,000 Federal Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program awarded to the Office for Women by the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department of Justice. Pace is one of several partner agencies involved in all three aspects of this federal grant: 1) implementing the Family Justice Center; 2) implementing an automated victim notification of protective orders (VNPO) system; and 3) training police, prosecutors, the judiciary, advocates and service providers.

Due to the fact that Pace is unique in its ability to do this work; has developed excellent working relationships with the courts and with its partner agencies; has facilitated the work of the courts, while at the same time providing safety to victims of abuse; and is able to provide very high quality service at low cost, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would

be served by exempting from the application of the procedural requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy the agreement between the County and Pace for the provision of a trainer/attorney at the Family Court Legal Program of the Family Justice Center.

I recommend approval of the attached proposed Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Coordinator of the Office for Women, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting written price quotations, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Pace University, acting by and through the Women's Justice Center of the Pace University School of Law, for the provision of a trainer/attorney at the Family Court Legal Program of the Family Justice Center.

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