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Date: May 20, 2011

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin M. McGuire
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Department of Social Services

Subject: Authority for the County of Westchester to award a contract to All County Bus, LLC to provide transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers in accordance with the County's bid specifications for the period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012 with the County's option to extend for five (5) additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 and subject to appropriation

On May 11, 2011, two (2) bids were received and opened for transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers. The bids were reviewed by the Department and it was determined that All County Bus, LLC submitted the low bid in the amount of \$78.00 per hour.

Accordingly, authority is requested to award the contract to All County Bus, LLC to provide transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers in accordance with the County's bid specifications for the period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012, with the County's option to extend for 5 additional one-year periods, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The Vendor was selected as the lowest responsible bidder in a bid process.

This contract serves a **public purpose** because it promotes the health, safety and welfare of families and children in Westchester County by promoting attachment between parents and children and strengthening their relationships as a result of frequency and consistency of visitations. Additionally, regular visitation between children who are currently in foster care and

their families facilitate family assessments and can help the Department, as well as the court, to determine whether reunification is the best permanency option for the child.

The **goals and objectives** of this contract are to provide transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety** of the children of Westchester County. Visitation allows for the preservation and strengthening of parent-child relationships, as well as, serving as a strategy for reunifying families and achieving permanency. Visitation also reduces the negative effects of separation for the child and the parent.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the visitation program enables the Department to determine an appropriate plan or timeframe for reunification, thereby, decreasing the length of stay in foster care placement and avoiding the associated costs. Additionally, the provision of transportation for the purpose of court ordered visitations affords the Department the ability to remain in compliance, thereby preventing possible sanctions and/or fines. Lastly, by providing transportation services versus using a case manager to provide the same service, the case manager will have available more routine work hours to focus on other aspects of their jobs such as case planning and case management activities.

The **goals and objectives as stated in the resolution will be tracked and monitored** to evaluate success through the monitoring of established performance measures as stipulated in the contract, reviewing of periodic reports submitted by the vendor, and making onsite visits.

Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into an Agreement with All County Bus, LLC for the above stated purpose.

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

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to award a contract to All County Bus, LLC to provide transportation services for children placed under Article 1017, Article 1055 or children currently in foster care to transport them to and from court ordered visitation with custodial and/or non-custodial caretakers in accordance with the County's bid specifications for the period June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012, with the County's option to extend for 5 additional one-year periods, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this contract is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2011	101	22	8900	5880	-----	\$99,167
2012	101	22	8900	5880	-----	\$70,833

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2012
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 06/1/11

End Date: 05/31/12

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 25%

State Aid: 47%

\$170,000

Federal Aid: 28%

(must match resolution)

Other:

Foster Care Bid Sheet May 11, 2011

A+ Bus No bid
PO Box 1300
Yonkers, NY 10703

All County Bus \$78/hour
70 Fernbrook St.
Yonkers, NY 10701

Allways East No bid
1025 Saw Mill River Road
Yonkers, NY 10703

Atlantic Express No bid
7 North St.
Staten Island, NY 10302

Baumann & Sons Bus Corp. No bid
3355 Veteran's Memorial Highway
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Briarcliff Bus Company No bid
PO Box 9103
Scarborough, NY 10510

Chappaqua Transportation No bid
130 Hunt's Lane
Chappaqua, NY 10514

County Coach No bid
PO Box 261
Port Chester, NY 10580

Hudson Valley Bus No bid
6 Dogwood Rd.
Peekskill, NY 10566

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Mile Square
41 Torre Place
Yonkers, New York 10703

No bid

Montauk Bus
209 Wading River Road
Center Moriches, NY 11934

\$89/hour

SuperTrans NY, Inc.
60 Alexander St.
Yonkers, NY 10701

No bid

White Plains Bus Company
PO Box 823-C
White Plains, New York 10603

No bid

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