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County Executive

Department of Social Services
Kevin M. McGuire, Commissioner

19502

DATE: June 21, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into Agreements with the **Urban League of Westchester County, Inc., Westhab, Inc., Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP"), and East Harlem Employment Service, Inc. d/b/a "STRIVE"**(Support and Training Result In Valuable Employees) **to provide non-custodial parents who are receiving public assistance under the Safety Net Program with services to prepare for, find and retain employment including case management services in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$660,300 for the period June 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012**

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with the Urban League of Westchester County, Inc. ("Urban League"), Westhab, Inc., Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP") and East Harlem Employment Service, Inc. d/b/a "STRIVE"(Support and Training Result In Valuable Employees) to provide non-custodial parents who are receiving public assistance under the Safety Net Program with services to prepare for, find and retain employment including case management services in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$660,300 for the period June 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. The amount of each of the four agreements will be as follows: Urban League \$138,708; Westhab, Inc. \$206,638; WestCOP \$264,954 and East Harlem Employment Service, Inc. d/b/a "STRIVE"(Support and Training Result In Valuable Employees) \$50,000. The services to be provided will include, immediate job match and referral, placement in work experience, wage subsidy, on the job training or other jointly sponsored employer based initiative, referral and placement in occupational skills training, work readiness preparation, occupational skills training, referral and assistance with high school or General Educational Diploma ("GED") job development, mother/fatherhood

programs, financial literacy training, referral for legal assistance, housing assistance, substance abuse assistance, mental and/or physical health care, domestic violence prevention and treatment, child care and transportation.

The Safety Net program will be operated in a partnership among the Westchester Putnam Workforce Investment Board, the Westchester One Stop Employment Center, the Department of Social Services and the four above-listed community-based organizations.

The proposed agreements are exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xiv) of the policy.

The public purpose of this program is to give non-custodial parents who are currently on public assistance, the skills and resources needed to obtain employment which will lead to an end of their dependence on public assistance. The goal and objective of providing training, employment and casework services to non-custodial parents who are Department of Social Services customers will be monitored by the Department through the Performance Measures guidelines.

Accordingly, your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution is respectfully recommended.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with: the Urban League of Westchester County, Inc. in the amount of \$138,708; with Westhab, Inc. in the amount of \$206,638; with the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. in the amount of \$264,954 and with East Harlem Employment Service, Inc. d/b/a "STRIVE"(Support and Training, Result In Valuable Employees) in the amount of \$50,000 to provide non-custodial parents who are receiving public assistance under the Safety Net Program with services to prepare for, find and retain employment including case management services in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$660,300 payable pursuant to an approved budget, for the period June 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his authorized designee, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
275	22	042L	7340	T042	\$660,300
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101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$660,300

Budget Funding Year(s): 2011 - 2012 Start Date: 6/1/11 End Date: 12/31/12
 (Must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 71%
 State Aid: 29%
\$660,300 Federal Aid:
 (must match resolution) Other: _____