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DATE: August 23, 2011

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Cheryl Archbald, M.D., M.P.H.
Acting Commissioner of Health

RE: Authorization to enter into Contract with Health Research Inc. to receive and administer a Grant for the Public Health Preparedness Emergency and Response to Bioterrorism Program, pursuant to an approved budget, as follows:

Contract Period: 8/10/11 – 8/09/12
Contract Amount: Not-To-Exceed \$552,923

The Westchester County Department of Health (the "WCDH") seeks authorization to enter into contract with Health Research, Inc. to accept funding for the Public Health Preparedness Emergency and Response to Bioterrorism Grant Program for the contract period 8/10/11 through 8/09/12, pursuant to an approved budget, in the amount not-to-exceed \$552,923.

This Program will promote the public health, safety and general welfare of County residents by improving the response capacity to a large scale biological/bioterrorism event and supporting the infrastructure that would enable the County to respond to such threats whether naturally occurring or manmade.

The goals of this Program are to ensure the ability of the WCDH to respond in the event of a large scale public health emergency through the timely use of interventions known to prevent human illness from chemical, biological and radiological agents and naturally occurring health threats. Program objectives include, but are not limited to, enhancement of disease surveillance and early event detection systems, maintenance of relevant laboratory support, development or enhancement of response plans and protocols, and decreasing the time to identify causes, risk factors and appropriate interventions to those affected by threats and to restore health services and environmental safety.

This year's grant award also includes new Risk-based funding to further enhance our capability to respond to a large scale public health emergency.

Program tracking and monitoring are maintained through regular staff meetings, periodic review of emergency plans, updates through the NYSDOH Commerce system, review of epidemiological data, and attendance and participation in local and state sponsored drills, meetings and trainings. Status reports are sent to the NYSDOH on a quarterly basis.

Your approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Health ("WCDH"), is authorized to enter into contract with Health Research, Inc. ("HRI") to accept funding for the Public Health Preparedness Emergency and Response to Bioterrorism Grant Program, pursuant to an approved budget, as follows:

Contract Period: 8/10/11 – 8/09/12
 Contract Amount: Not-To-Exceed \$552,923;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute all appropriate contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution in the manner prescribed by law.

Department of Health
 County of Westchester
 145 Huguenot Street, 3rd Floor
 New Rochelle, New York 10801
 August 23, 2011

Original Agreement	\$
First Amendment	\$
Second Amendment	\$
This Amendment	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Agreement # _____

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	27	550L	9853	T550	\$552,923
Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution) <u>2011-2012</u> Start Date <u>8/10/11</u> End Date <u>8/09/12</u>						
Funding Source		Tax Dollars	_____			
		State Aid	_____			
\$552,923		Federal Aid	<u>100% Federal Pass Thru funds</u>			
(must match resolution)		Other	_____			