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To: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kerry Oristano
Commissioner of Human Resources

Date: September 12, 2011

Re: AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PACE UNIVERSITY, PURSUANT TO WHICH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED THE "EDWIN G. MICHAELIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM," WILL BE ADMINISTERED FOR THE BENEFIT OF QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AND OF ITS CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITIES WHO WISH TO ENROLL IN PACE'S GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, NURSING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION OR MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY PROFESSIONALS, FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR TERM, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 9, 2011 AND CONTINUING THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2016

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Pace University ("Pace") whereby Pace would provide a scholarship program, designated the "Edwin G. Michaelian Scholarship Program" (the "Michaelian Scholarship"), for the benefit of up to 100 employees of the County and up to 100 employees of its constituent municipalities who qualify for and enroll in Pace's graduate schools of Public Administration, Nursing, Computer Science, Business Administration, or Management for Public Safety & Homeland Security Professionals for a term of five (5) years commencing on October 9, 2011 and continuing through October 8, 2016.

It should be noted that the Michaelian Scholarship requires no expenditure of County funds to make such program operative.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)ix thereof.

This contract will serve a public purpose by providing a unique opportunity for the County to promote the professional development of its employees as well as those employed by our constituent municipalities.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are to provide the academic tools needed for employees to become more effective in delivering services to constituents.

These goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County because public employees gain valuable skills at no cost to the taxpayer.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored at least annually by the Department of Human Resources.

Accordingly, approval of the attached resolution is most respectfully requested.

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Attachments

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/06/2011 - JONARY VIERA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Human Resources, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Pace University ("Pace"), whereby Pace will provide a scholarship program, designated the "Edwin G. Michaelian Scholarship Program", for the benefit of up to 100 employees of County and up to 100 employees of its constituent municipalities who qualify for and enroll in Pace's graduate schools of Public Administration, Nursing, Computer Science, Business Administration or Management for Public Safety & Homeland Security Professionals, for a five (5) year term commencing on October 9, 2011 and continuing through October 8, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement will not require the expenditure of County funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any documents and take any actions 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
N/A					

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011-2016 Start Date 10/9/11 End Date 10/8/16
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$ 0 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other _____