

**22096**

October 6, 2011

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: George N. Longworth  
Commissioner - Sheriff

Re: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Coast Guard ("USCG") and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("Port Authority") to provide Blue Force Tracking Encrypted Automatic Identification System ("AIS") and VEGA Electronic Charting Software ("VEGA ECS") Equipment to be installed in the County's emergency responder vessels operating in the Port of New York and New Jersey at no cost to the County for the term commencing upon execution and extending until terminated by either the USCG or the Port Authority upon 30 days prior written notice

Authority is being requested for the County to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Coast Guard ("USCG") and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey ("Port Authority") pursuant to which Blue Force Tracking Encrypted Automatic Identification System ("AIS") and VEGA Electronic Charting Software ("VEGA ECS") Equipment will be provided to the County's emergency responder vessels. The USCG and the Port Authority will install the software, hardware, or firmware updates which the USCG deems necessary for critical security or other legal reasons. This equipment will be provided at no cost to the County. The proposed agreement will begin upon execution and remain in effect until terminated by either the USCG or the Port Authority upon 30 days prior written notice.

The goals and objectives of this program will enhance the coordination of maritime security efforts among Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies, and improve situational awareness through electronic charting and interoperable command and control capabilities, including blue force tracking and text messaging using encrypted AIS technology. The public purpose of this program will enhance public safety and/or welfare by promoting national security and providing effective maritime enforcement within Westchester County and outlying areas.

The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by reviewing the program on an ongoing basis for the duration of the contract. The Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Division will conduct reviews during which feedback will be gathered regarding the effectiveness of the program. This information will be reported to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

Approval of the attached resolution by your Honorable Board is requested.

GNL/JL/cs

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner - Sheriff of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (“Port Authority”) to provide Blue Force Tracking Encrypted Automatic Identification System (“AIS”) and VEGA Electronic Charting Software (“VEGA ECS”) Equipment to be installed in the County’s emergency responder vessels operating in the Port of New York and New Jersey, at no cost to the County, for the term commencing upon execution and remaining in effect until terminated by either the USCG or the Port Authority upon 30 days 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.

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Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
N/A							N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date Upon Execution \_\_\_\_\_ End Date Upon Termination \_\_\_\_\_  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source      Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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