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DATE February 22, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Edward Buroughs
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Resolution to Exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, an Agreement with Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., for Fair Housing Education and Asset Building Programs pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures an agreement with Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (WRO) for Fair Housing Education and Asset Building Programs. The term of this agreement is January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2012. The total cost for this agreement is \$30,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

Ordinarily, Section 5(a) of the Procurement Policy requires the County to issue a Request for Proposals in order to procure this type of service. However, pursuant to Section 3(a)xii, the Procurement Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which this Honorable Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the policy would not be in the best interest of the County. WRO is the only HUD certified housing counseling agency promoting equal housing opportunities in Westchester County. Given this organization's excellent reputation for providing quality housing services, and its status as the only HUD certified housing counseling agency, it is proposed that the best interest of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of an agreement with Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., from the procurement policy.

Accordingly, this resolution to exempt the procurement of Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., is hereby submitted for your consideration.

I recommend approval of this exemption.

EB/cp
Attachment

R E S O L U T I O N

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County in conjunction with the procurement of Fair Housing Education and Asset Building Programs with Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., 470 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 410, White Plains, New York 10605.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/22/2012 - JOMAR VERA, SECRETARY