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DATE: May 25, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth, Commissioner-Sheriff
Department of Public Safety

RE: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, an agreement with CARFAX, Inc., pursuant to which the County will enroll in CARFAX, Inc.'s Police Crash Assistance Program and Investigative Data Sharing Program, and receive access to investigative tools and services

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, an agreement (the "Agreement") between the County of Westchester (the "County") and CARFAX, Inc., pursuant to which the County will, 1.) enroll in CARFAX's Police Crash Assistance Program, which will allow the public to purchase and receive the Department's motor vehicle accident reports online from CARFAX; 2.) enroll in CARFAX's Investigative Data Sharing Program, which will allow the Department to search motor vehicle accident reports in other jurisdictions in exchange for sharing the County's motor vehicle accident reports with other law enforcement agencies; and 3.) receive from CARFAX access to such investigative tools and services as CARFAX may, from time to time, make available to enrollees in CARFAX's Police Crash Assistance Program, such as its Vehicle History Service.

Ordinarily, under the County's Procurement Policy, the County would be required to competitively procure the services that CARFAX would provide under the proposed Agreement. However, the County's inquiries with CARFAX and the providers of other, similar services found that all of the providers offered the same reimbursement per motor vehicle accident report sold, and that CARFAX was the only provider that offered a program such as the Investigative Data Sharing Program and access to related investigative tools, at no cost. These no-cost additional services would be very useful to the County, as they would enhance the Department's investigations in auto crimes, such as VIN cloning, odometer fraud, staged accidents, and other vehicle related crimes.

Based upon the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the proposed Agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof. Therefore, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of the Department of Public Safety, 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 of Westchester (the "County") in connection with the procurement of an agreement with CARFAX, Inc. ("CARFAX"), pursuant to which the County will, 1) enroll in CARFAX's Police Crash Assistance Program, which will allow the public to purchase and receive the Department's motor vehicle accident reports online from CARFAX; 2) enroll in CARFAX's Investigative Data Sharing Program, which will allow the Department to search motor vehicle accident reports in other jurisdictions in exchange for sharing the County's motor vehicle accident reports with other law enforcement agencies; and 3) receive from CARFAX access to such investigative tools and services as CARFAX may, from time to time, make available to enrollees in CARFAX's Police Crash Assistance Program, such as its Vehicle History Service.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS
DANIELA M. SOARES, SECRETARY