

**30639**

DATE: November 27, 2012

TO: Board of Acquisition & Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner  
Department of Senior Programs and Services

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") pursuant to which the County, through its Department of Senior Programs & Services, will participate in the EmPower New York program by providing referrals of eligible seniors to NYSERDA's program implementer for the program period September 1, 2012 through December 30, 2015

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The County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Department of Senior Programs & Services (the "Department"), seeks authority from your Honorable Board to enter into an agreement with NYSERDA pursuant to which the County will participate in the EmPower New York program by providing referrals of eligible seniors to NYSERDA's program implementer for the program period September 1, 2012 through December 30, 2015 (the "Agreement").

NYSERDA administers the EmPower New York program (the "Program") to deliver energy efficiency and energy-use education to low-income New Yorkers. The Program is implemented by an independent contractor and services are provided through a network of participating local contractors. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Department will act as a referral source for the Program by providing referrals of eligible seniors to NYSERDA's Program implementer. In consideration for referral services rendered, NYSERDA will pay the County a fee of \$20 for each completed EmPower New York application received.

The Agreement will serve a public purpose by providing cost-effective electric reduction measures to low-income seniors, such as replacement of refrigerators and installation of high efficiency lighting. The Program also offers cost effective home performance measures such as insulation, air sealing and heating system repair or replacement, as well as health and safety measures.

The goals and objectives of this Program are to deliver energy efficiency and energy use education to assist low-income seniors.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement are in the County's best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility because the services provided under the Program will help low-income seniors reduce their energy bills, thereby saving them money.

The goals and objectives of the Agreement will be tracked, monitored and evaluated through monthly reporting activities and annual on-site reviews to determine if the contract

performance goals and objectives are being met in a fiscally responsible and appropriately safe fashion.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) iii.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

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Att.

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**RESOLUTION**

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, BE IT HEREBY:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") pursuant to which the County, through its Department of Senior Programs & Services, will participate in the EmPower New York program (the "Program") by providing referrals of eligible seniors to NYSERDA's Program implementer for the Program period September 1, 2012 through December 30, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration for referral services rendered, NYSERDA shall pay the County a fee of \$20 for each completed EmPower New York application received; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	263	85	686M	9856	T686	TBD

Budget Funding Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date 9/1/12 End Date 12/30/15  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars	_____
	State Aid	_____
\$ _____	Federal Aid	_____
(must match resolution)	Other	_____

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