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Commissioner

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DATE: February 7, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

John B. McCaffrey
Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology

RE: Authority for the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. (Lexis Nexis) for assistance in conducting enhanced background screenings of those applying for child care, child support, Medicaid, SNAP and Temporary Assistance through the provision of Lexis Nexis's Accurint system, a data repository of public records and commercially available information in an amount not to exceed \$97,200 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation for the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2016

Attached for your consideration is a resolution which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester, through its Department of Social Services, to enter into an agreement with Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. for assistance in conducting enhanced background screenings of those applying for child care, child support, Medicaid, SNAP and Temporary Assistance through the provision of Lexis Nexis's Accurint system, a data repository of public records and commercially available information, in an amount not to exceed \$97,200 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation for the period from March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2016.

Under the proposed agreement, the Lexis Nexis's Accurint system, through its comprehensive screenings of persons applying for government assistance, would provide the County with the tools to help improve fraud detection and prevention services in all of its operations. The system would aid the FEDS (Front End Detection System) unit in protecting tax payer dollars, while providing other units with the ability to review established cases to protect the integrity of subsidy cases.

The public purpose of this agreement is the detection and prevention of fraud in Westchester County's public programs.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are to assist the Department in its assignment to provide delivery of services to the eligible public by supplying the tools to improve its fraud detection and prevention services.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility in that the Department will have access to tools designed to reduce fraud, eliminate waste in the system and ensure that tax payer dollars are spent wisely and legitimately.

The goals and objectives are continuously monitored through performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office.

This Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 9 thereof as this is the only vendor of its kind providing the aforesaid services in the region. This contract is exempt from the application of the Common Grant Rule because the vendor is a Sole Source.

Accordingly, authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, and the Chief Information Officer, Department of Information Technology, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions FL, Inc. (Lexis Nexis) for assistance in conducting enhanced background screenings of those applying for child care, child support, Medicaid, SNAP and Temporary Assistance through the provision of Lexis Nexis's Accurint system, a data repository of public records and commercially available information in an amount not to exceed \$97,200 to be paid pursuant to an approved budget for the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 9 (Sole Source) of said Policy as this is the only vendor providing the necessary services in the region; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriation; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release (s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonably 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
2013	101	22	4000	4420	-----	\$27,000
2014	101	22	4000	4420	-----	\$32,400
2015	101	22	4000	4420	-----	\$32,400
2016	101	22	4000	4420	-----	\$ 5,400

Budget Funding Year(s): 2013-16 Start Date: 3/1/13 End Date: 2/28/16
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 44%
State Aid: 27%
Federal Aid: 29%
Other:

\$97,200
(must match resolution)

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 03/21/2015 JOSEPH VIEIRA SECRETARY