



**Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester**

MEMORANDUM

36003

September 17, 2013

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Janet DiFiore
District Attorney

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, to enter into:

- (1) a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), for the County to participate in the Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force, effective upon signature of the MOU and terminable at any time upon mutual consent of the parties or unilaterally upon written notice from the terminating party to the other party at least 30 days prior to the termination date; and
- (2) a Cost Reimbursement Agreement ("CRA") with the FBI to receive reimbursement for overtime expenses incurred by the Investigator assigned to the Task Force under the MOU, not to exceed \$1,433.52 per month, effective upon signature of the CRA and terminable at any time upon mutual consent of the parties or unilaterally upon written notice from the terminating party to the other party at least 30 days prior to the termination date

Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through the Westchester County District Attorney's Office (the "DA's Office"), to enter into an MOU with the FBI, pursuant to which the County will participate in the Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force ("SSTF"). The mission of the SSTF is to identify and target for prosecution criminal enterprise groups responsible for drug trafficking, money laundering, alien smuggling, crimes of violence such as murder and aggravated assault, robbery, and violent street gangs, as well as to intensely focus on the apprehension of dangerous fugitives where there is or may be a federal investigative interest. The purpose of the MOU is to delineate the responsibilities of the Westchester County SSTF personnel, formalize relations between participating agencies for policy guidance, planning, training, public and media relations, and maximize inter-agency cooperation.

Authority is also requested for the County, through the DA's Office, to enter into a CRA with the FBI, pursuant to which the FBI will reimburse the County for overtime expenses incurred by the Investigator assigned to the SSTF, not to exceed \$1,433.52 per month.

Both agreements shall become effective upon signature and will remain in effect for the duration of the County's participation in the SSTF, subject to the right to terminate at any time upon mutual consent of the parties or unilaterally upon written notice from the terminating party to the other party at least 30 days prior to the termination date.

The agreements will serve a public purpose by enhancing the effectiveness of federal/state/local law enforcement resources through a well-coordinated initiative seeking the most effective investigative/prosecutive avenues by which to convict and incarcerate dangerous offenders.

The goals and objectives of the agreements are to delineate the responsibilities of the Westchester County SSTF personnel, formalize relations between participating agencies for policy guidance, planning, training, public and media relations, maximize inter-agency cooperation, and reimbursing overtime costs for the DA's Investigator.

The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public safety because coordination of various law enforcement assets will maximize inter-agency cooperation and lead to more effective policing.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the DA's Office.

As the agreements do not involve the procurement of goods or services, the provisions of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

I recommend your favorable consideration of the annexed proposed Resolution.

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Attachment

