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DATE: July 8, 2014

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John B. McCaffrey, Chief Information Officer

RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXEMPT FROM THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY PROCUREMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES THE PROCUREMENT OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPX CORPORATION FOR RADIO TOWER STROBE LIGHT MONITORING SERVICES AND PARTS REPLACEMENT (AGREEMENT NO. IT-1211)

BACKGROUND:

- In order to comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations, the aviation obstruction strobe light system on the County's Grasslands radio tower must be monitored in order to ensure that it functions properly on a continuous basis. Any failure of the system to properly function must be immediately corrected or reported to the FAA within 30 minutes.
- Contract IT-1211 with SPX Corporation ("SPX") for radio tower strobe light monitoring was authorized in a resolution approved by your Honorable Board December 8, 2011 and will expire December 31, 2014.
- DoIT has been pleased with the strobe monitoring services provided by SPX in the past and wishes to amend Contract IT-1211 with SPX in order to extend the term of the agreement for an additional three (3) year period commencing January 1, 2015 for an additional not-to-exceed amount of \$9,600.
- Having provided strobe light monitoring services for the County for the last four years, first as a subcontractor to Mid-State Communications, and later pursuant to a direct contract with the County, SPX is thoroughly familiar with the County's strobe light system on the Grasslands radio tower which is currently monitored 24x7 by the manufacturer of the system, Flash Technology ("Flash"), a subsidiary of SPX. Because of its experience and familiarity with the County's strobe light system, it would be in the County's best interest to continue to utilize SPX's services rather than invest additional time and money attempting to procure another firm to monitor the system at a possibly higher cost.
- Therefore, pursuant to Section 3 (a) xxi, the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures are 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. For the reasons described above, it is proposed that the best interest of the County would be served by exempting from the County procurement policy an amendment to an agreement with SPX for radio tower strobe monitoring services and parts replacement.

- SPX, through Flash, will supply DoIT with regular reports via email, with details and dates. The reports will detail the condition of the strobe light system on the Grasslands radio tower. When necessary, DoIT will conduct telephone conferences with SPX in order to discuss any strobe light system issues.
- The requested agreement with SPX will serve an important public purpose by assuring the County's continued ability to operate the critical public safety radio systems that utilize the Grasslands radio tower.
- The goal and objective of the service to be provided under the amendment to the agreement requested in the attached resolution is to continue operation of the aviation obstruction strobe light system on the County's Grasslands radio tower. Under the amendment, SPX will continue to provide services that the County requires in order to maintain compliance with FAA and FCC regulations.

ACTION REQUESTED:

- Authorization to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, the procurement of an amendment to an agreement with SPX Corporation for radio strobe light monitoring services and parts replacement.

Accordingly, the attached resolution is submitted for your consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 08/21/2014

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RESOLUTION

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, 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 not in the best interest of the County in connection with the procurement of an amendment to an agreement with SPX Corporation for radio tower strobe light monitoring services and parts replacement.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACTS, 08/21/2014 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY