



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

42047

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: September 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Resolution to amend the grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under FY 2011 HazMat Grant Program in order to extend the term of the agreement from August 31, 2014 through February 28, 2015.

On February 7, 2013, your Honorable Board approved a resolution which authorized the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services ("DHSES") to accept FY 2011 Hazardous Material ("HazMat") Grant Program funds in the amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four (\$76,584.00) Dollars to purchase highly specialized gas and vapor detection equipment which will decrease scene times by expeditiously identifying unknown gas or vapor samples, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) nerve and blister agents at the site of a HazMat call and to provide on-site equipment training. The grant agreement is for the period commencing March 6, 2012 through August 31, 2014. The State has notified the Department that it is extending the term of the agreement through February 28, 2015.

Authorization is now requested to amend the grant agreement with the State in order to extend the term of the agreement from August 31, 2014 through February 28, 2015. All other terms and conditions of the grant agreement shall remain the same and in full force and effect.

The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop protocols to meet target capabilities as outlined in the Federal Guidelines. This includes providing assistance to and support for surveillance, detection, interdiction, response, mitigation, operations and recovery from threats or acts of terrorism and man-made and natural hazards. The program will enhance the safety and security of Westchester County residents and will enhance the region's HazMat response and Mutual Aid capabilities to assess and manage the consequences of a hazardous materials release, either accidental or as part of a terrorist attack.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to, all applicable laws, rules, regulations, grant applications, and grant agreements (including any master grant agreement), as well as any

guidance or instructions received from the agency making the grant (the “Grant Terms), b) has reviewed the Grant Terms, c) is aware of and understands all of the Grant Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Grant Terms.

In view of the importance of this program, I recommend approval of the attached resolution.

JMC/TSA/nn

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/24/2014 - JOMARY WEIRA, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Emergency Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is authorized to amend its grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, wherein the County was awarded a grant in the amount of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four (\$76,584.00) Dollars to purchase highly specialized gas and vapor detection equipment which will decrease scene times by expeditiously identifying unknown gas or vapor samples, including Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) nerve and blister agents at the site of a HazMat call and to provide on-site equipment training, in compliance with the FY 2011 Hazardous Materials ("HazMat") Grant Program, in order to extend the term of the agreement from August 31, 2014 through February 28, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the grant agreement shall remain the same and in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Original Agreement	\$76,584
This Amendment	\$ 0
Total	\$76,584

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
							0

Budget Funding Year(s) (must match resolution)	<u>2011-2015</u>	Start Date	<u>3/6/12</u>	End Date	<u>2/28/15</u>
Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____				
	State Aid _____				
<u>\$ 0</u> (must match resolution)	Federal Aid _____				
	Other _____				