



Department of Emergency Services

Memorandum

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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: John M. Cullen  
Commissioner of Emergency Services

DATE: October 22, 2014

SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to accept \$1,326,367.00 in funding to assist the County in its efforts to address equipment, training and planning needs to enhance Westchester's capability to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from threats or acts of terrorism and mitigate man-made and natural hazards in compliance with the FY14 Urban Area Security Initiative for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016.

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Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services (the "Department"), to enter into a grant agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (the "State") to accept funds for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2016 in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,326,367.00.

The goals and objectives of the Urban Area Security Initiative are to enhance Westchester County's capability to prevent terrorist attacks and mitigate against man-made and natural hazards; protect the public, critical infrastructure and key resources, and prepare to respond to and recover from both man-made and natural disasters.

This grant agreement serves the public's best interest as it will enhance emergency preparedness and thereby preserve the health, safety and general welfare of County residents. The goals and objectives of this program are to address vulnerabilities and develop capabilities 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 man-made events associated terrorist attacks.

The Department will monitor the progression of the grant program to assure compliance and progress in meeting the goals and objectives of this program and will monitor the effectiveness of this agreement through a series of performance measures required by the State.

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/ta  
attachment

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11/20/2014 - JOSEPH WEIR, SECRETARY

