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DATE: February 17, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin McGuire
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to amend a Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 by 1) increasing the hourly rate from \$65/hour to \$85/hour, and 2) increasing the amount not to exceed by \$15,000 from a total amount not to exceed \$85,000 to a new total amount not to exceed \$100,000 be paid pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Through a Resolution approved on December 18, 2014, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Gavin & Lacy, LLC to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 to be paid at a rate up to \$65/hour pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

Authority is now requested to amend the aforesaid resolution in order to 1) increase the hourly rate from \$65/hour to \$85/hour, and 2) increase the amount not to exceed by \$15,000 from a total amount not to exceed \$85,000 to a new total amount not to exceed \$100,000. There has been an increase in the number of cases requiring these services.

The public purpose of the proposed agreement is returning youth to foster care.

The goals and objectives of this program are to return AWOL youth to foster care placement and work with them to assure appropriate future permanent discharge.

The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and public safety because returning youth to foster care will shelter them from delinquency, neglect and abuse.

The goals and objectives are in the County's best interests in terms of fiscal responsibility as the services provided by this program focus on assisting foster care youth to become independent and self-sufficient.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. The consultant is required to submit to the Department quarterly statistical reports on all activities related to the program. In 2014, the consultant recovered 30 children referred through the Department as missing or runaways.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) (xviii) which exempts any procurement for the creation and support of recreation projects, youth service projects and other appropriate programs and services for the prevention of delinquency and youth crime and the advancement of the moral, physical mental and social well being of the youth of Westchester County. This contract falls under the Social Service Block Grant and therefore, the Common Grant Rule is not applicable.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original resolution shall remain the same. The Amendment is to the resolution because the contract with the vendor has not been executed.

An appropriate resolution requesting your Honorable Board's approval to amend the resolution approved on December 18, 2014 is attached herewith.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on December 18, 2014 authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Gavin & Lacy Consultants, LLC to conduct field investigations and searches to locate children in foster care placement that have been declared AWOL by the Westchester County Department of Social Services for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 to be paid at a rate up to \$65 /hr is hereby amended in order to: 1) increase the hourly rate from \$65/hour to \$85/hour, and 2) increase the amount not to exceed by \$15,000 from a total amount not to exceed \$85,000 to a new total amount not to exceed \$100,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement 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 except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original resolution shall remain the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any document necessary to implement this Resolution.

Original Resolution Amount: \$85,000
 This Amendment: **\$15,000**
 Total: \$100,000

Account to be charged/credited:

	FUND	DEPT	Major Program, Program & Phase, Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2015	101	22	8900	5880	-----	\$15,000

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015 **Start Date:** 1/1/2015 **End Date:** 12/31/2015
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source: Tax Dollars: 28%
\$15,000 State Aid: 42%
 (must match resolution) Federal Aid: 30%

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