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DATE: May 6, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner
Department of Senior Programs and Services

Kevin McGuire, Commissioner
Department of Social Services

Belinda Miles
President
Westchester Community College

RE: Authority to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") with the City of Yonkers, acting by and through the Yonkers Workforce Investment Board, pursuant to which the County, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, Department of Social Services and Westchester Community College/Educational Opportunity Center, will agree to serve as a One-Stop Partner to provide various employment and training services to job seekers in the Yonkers Local Workforce Investment Area in accordance with the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and its implementing regulations ("WIA") for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2019.

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, Department of Social Services and Westchester Community College/Educational Opportunity Center (the "County"), to enter into an MOU with the City of Yonkers, acting by and through the Yonkers Workforce Investment Board (the "Yonkers WIB"), whereby the County will agree to serve as a One-Stop Partner to provide various employment and training services to job seekers in the Yonkers Local Workforce Investment Area in accordance with the requirements of WIA, for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2019.

As your Honorable Board is aware, under WIA, each local workforce investment area is required to establish a one-stop delivery system through which core employment-related services are provided and through which access is provided to other employment and training services. The access to services must be provided through not less than one physical "one-stop center" in each local workforce area. The entities providing services through the one-stop system are referred to as "one-stop partners". In accordance with Chapter 3, section 121(c) of WIA, the Yonkers WIB is required to enter into an MOU with its one-stop partners which describes the services to be provided, how the costs of the services and operating costs of the

system will be funded, methods for referral of individuals between the one-stop operators and partners for appropriate services and activities, and other matters deemed appropriate.

It should be noted that although the County will receive no remuneration for serving as a one-stop partner under the MOU, its participation is required in order to be eligible to receive certain federal grant funding. In addition, some of the one-stop services will be provided through County subcontractors.

Since the services to be provided by the County under the MOU are specifically authorized under section 121(b) of WIA, the provisions of section 119-o of the New York State General Municipal Law requiring governing board approval are not applicable.

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

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by providing various employment and training resources to job seekers and businesses seeking to hire them.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are to describe the services to be provided by the one-stop partners through the one-stop delivery system in the Yonkers Local Workforce Investment Area, how the costs of the services and operating costs of the system will be funded, methods for referral of individuals between the one-stop operators and partners for appropriate services and activities, and other matters deemed appropriate.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because the one stop system will assist job seekers in finding gainful employment, thereby reducing the number of individuals on public assistance.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreements will be tracked and monitored by the various County departments participating in the program.

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the proposed resolution.

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RESOLUTION

UPON COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE PRESIDENT OF WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, be it:

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Senior Programs and Services, Department of Social Services and Westchester Community College/Educational Opportunity Center (the "County"), is hereby authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Yonkers Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (the "Yonkers WIB") pursuant to which the County will agree to serve as a One-Stop Partner to provide various employment and training services to job seekers in the Yonkers Local Workforce Investment Area in accordance with requirements of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and its implementing regulations, for a term commencing July 1, 2014 and continuing through June 30, 2019; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that some of the one-stop services to be provided by the County to the Yonkers WIB under the MOU will be provided through County subcontractors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

N/A

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
					N/A

Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____
(must match resolution)

Funding Source _____ Tax Dollars \$ _____
State Aid \$ _____
Federal Aid \$ _____
(must match resolution) Other \$ _____

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 06/18/2015 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY