

**48021**

**TO:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**FROM:** Thomas J. Lauro, P.E.  
Commissioner of Environmental Facilities

**DATE:** August 6, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Agreement with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., in order to participate in an energy reduction pilot program, having a term of one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2015 and terminating April 30, 2016, at no cost to the County.

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Transmitted herewith is a resolution requesting authority for the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting through and by its Department of Environmental Facilities (the "Department") to enter into an Agreement with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., in order to participate in a pilot program to reduce energy, for an estimate amount of revenue of \$24,706 to be paid to the County, and having a term of one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2015 and terminating April 30, 2016, to be paid in accordance with contract rates.

This Agreement is to participate in a pilot program to reduce energy consumption at peak hours. Pursuant to the proposed Agreement, the Peekskill Wastewater Treatment Plant would switch over to generator power and come off the electrical grid during specific mutually agreed upon peak hours (hereinafter referred to as "Events"). This would free up valuable capacity that could help to prevent blackouts and power shortages in the County. In return for this the County would receive an estimated revenue amount for the one year term of \$24,706. There is no requirement for the County to participate in any specific Event. If the Department opts not to participate in one or all Events for any reason, the County would forego the revenue that would otherwise be paid, but will not incur any other penalties whatsoever.

On May 8, 2014, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to enter into an Agreement with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., to participate in the pilot program for a term of one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2014 and terminating April 30, 2015, however, due to necessary equipment that needed to be installed before beginning the pilot program, the deadline to enroll in the prior period passed and the County missed participating in the program for the Summer of 2014.

Authority to exempt this Agreement from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof has been requested by your Honorable Board in accordance with a separate resolution of even date herewith.

This contract is in the public's best interest because Agreement and program will benefit the County since the County will receive revenue for participating in the program and will also protect the electrical grid and reduce energy consumption during peak hours. The Department's plan is to enter

into an agreement for this one location as a pilot program. During the term of the Agreement, Department representatives will track and monitor the Agreement by coordinating with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc. and reviewing the energy savings and associated revenue.

As I believe this agreement to be in the best interests of the County, I most respectfully urge your Honorable Board to approve the attached resolution.

TJL/jpi

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 09/10/2015 - JOAN COCCIARDI, SECRETARY

# RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Facilities, be it

**RESOLVED**, that County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., in order to participate in an energy reduction pilot program, having a term of one (1) year, commencing May 1, 2015 and terminating April 30, 2016, at no cost to the County and with funds to be paid to the County in accordance with contract rates. and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

2015  
2016

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Fund	Dept.	Or Unit			
221	60	0110	9670		\$19,493 (est)
221	60	0110	9670		\$5,213 (est)

Budget Funding Year(s): 2015-2016 \_ Start Date: \_5/1/2015\_ End Date: \_4/30/2016\_

Funding Source

\$ \_\$24,706\_  
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars \_\_\_\_\_  
State Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Aid \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\$24,706 (revenue) \_\_\_\_\_