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November 16, 2015

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: George N. Longworth
Commissioner – Sheriff

RE: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a three-party Use and Dissemination agreement with the State University of New York, acting by and through Purchase College (“Purchase College”) and the New York State Police (“NYS Police”), whereby the County will act as the lead agency to coordinate the Purchase College Police Department’s use of New York State’s electronic traffic ticket and accident report (“TraCS”) program and act as a liaison with the NYS Police, for a five year term from the date of execution thereof.

By resolution approved on October 4, 2012 (the “October 4th Resolution”), your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, *inter alia*, to enter into three-party Use and Dissemination Agreements (the “Agreements”) with those municipalities within Westchester County that choose to utilize the TraCS program and that purchase the required equipment for such use at their own cost and expense, and the NYS Police, whereby the County will act as lead agency to coordinate the municipalities’ use of the TraCS program and act as a liaison with the NYS Police for a 5 year term commencing upon execution of the agreement.

As your Honorable Board may recall, TraCS is the computer application for New York State’s electronic traffic ticket and accident report project. TraCS immediately produces a printed traffic ticket and accident report and related documentation, such as supporting depositions, in the police vehicle at the scene, using a computer and printer contained inside the vehicle. The “electronic ticket” or “electronic accident report” that is produced can then be sent electronically to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and any New York State courts that are capable of receiving such data. Agencies that wish to utilize the TraCS program can do so but must first obtain the necessary computers, printers and scanners at their own expense. The NYS Police will provide the TraCS software directly to the agencies that have purchased the necessary equipment required to operate the TraCS program and have signed a three-party Use and Dissemination Agreement with the County and the NYS Police.

Purchase College, through its Police Department, has expressed an interest in participating in the TraCS program. However, because the authority granted under the October 4th Resolution was limited to “municipalities”, a separate resolution seeking authority for

Purchase College is now required. Accordingly, authority is requested for the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to enter into a three-party Use and Dissemination agreement with the State University of New York, acting by and through Purchase College ("Purchase College") and the New York State Police ("NYS Police"), whereby the County will act as the lead agency to coordinate the Purchase College Police Department's use of the TraCS program and act as a liaison with the NYS Police, for a five year term from the date of execution thereof.

It should be noted that the County and/or Purchase College will be able to terminate the agreement at any time by giving the NYS Police reasonable advance notice. In addition, there will be no cost to the County in connection with this agreement.

The goals and objectives of this program are to use TraCS to increase the safety of both officers and motorists by improving the efficiency of ticket and accident report writing. Employment of TraCS will also enhance the quality of documents generated by officers on patrol as well as improve record keeping and tracking capabilities. This program will support the public health safety and/or welfare by shortening the time spent on the roadside. The goals and objectives of this program will be tracked and monitored by tracking participation by Purchase College in the program and by tracking our own usage in the form of issuance of tickets and accident reports to monitor the success and/or failure of this program.

This agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)iii thereof.

An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

GNL/MJM/cs

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a three-party Use and Dissemination agreement (the "Agreement") with the State University of New York, acting by and through Purchase College ("Purchase College"), and with the New York State Police (the "NYS Police"), whereby the County will act as the lead agency to coordinate the Purchase College Police Department's use of New York State's electronic traffic ticket and accident report ("TraCS") program and act as a liaison with the NYS Police, for a five year term commencing upon execution of the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there shall be no cost to the County under the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County and/or Purchase College shall be permitted to terminate the Use and Dissemination Agreement with the NYS Police, at any time, by giving the NYS Police reasonable advance notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

| Account to be Charged/credited | Fund | Dept | Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit | Object/ Sub Object | Trust Account | Dollars |
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Budget Funding Year(s) _____ Start Date 12/01/2015 End Date Upon Termination
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars 0
 State Aid _____
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 (must match resolution)
 Other _____