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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire
Commissioner

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DATE: January 7, 2016

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire,
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority for the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc., pursuant to which it has provided the County with Social Security eligibility services for 'Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care' cases as well as for 'Temporary Assistance for Needy Families' and 'Safety Net Assistance' cases, in order to extend the term thereof by three (3) months, to a new termination date of March 31, 2016.

Based on authority from resolutions approved by your Honorable Board on July 7, 2011; June 21, 2012; June 20, 2013; July 3, 2014; and June 25, 2015, the County of Westchester (the "County") has an agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. ("PCG"), pursuant to which PCG has provided the County with Social Security eligibility services for Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care ("AFDC-FC") cases as well as for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") and Safety Net Assistance ("SNA") cases, for a term commencing on July 1, 2011 and continuing through December 31, 2015, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,690,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget (the "Agreement").

The Department of Social Services ("DSS") is in the process of redesigning its employment program and has been working to procure, through a new request for proposals, the above-described services. However, the procurement of a new contract has not yet been concluded, and DSS continues to require the above-described services. DSS has found that there are sufficient funds remaining under the Agreement such that PCG can provide the above-described services for an additional three (3) months, while the request for proposals process continues, without increasing the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement.

Therefore, in order to avoid the exigency that would be caused by interrupting the

County's receipt of the above-described services until the conclusion of the request for proposals process, the County respectfully requests that your Honorable Board authorize the County to amend the Agreement, in order to extend the term of the Agreement by three (3) months, to a new termination date of March 31, 2016 (the "Amendment").

Except as specifically amended hereby, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

The proposed amendment will serve a public purpose by continuing to provide services to individuals who are in a target population that is faced with multiple barriers and who are unable to pursue benefits on their own. By definition, the Federal Social Security Supplemental Security Income ("SSI") program is targeted at individuals who are incapable of engaging in substantial gainful employment activity. Particularly, in the case of mental disability, the very nature of the individual's impediment is incongruous with self-advocacy. PCG, under the proposed amendment, will continue to provide necessary assistance to the residents of Westchester County who are eligible for SSI benefits by helping them secure the benefits to which they are entitled.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is to continue to provide services regarding the establishment and maintenance of SSI benefits for AFDC-FC customers as well as for TANF and SNA customers.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment is in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility, as it will assist customers in securing benefits to which they are entitled, thereby leading to case closures for DSS and a related savings in terms of County resources expended in assisting such individuals.

The goal and objective of the proposed amendment will be tracked and monitored by the staff of DSS.

This procurement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xi) thereof, which exempts "any procurement made pursuant to procurement procedures provided for under any other federal or state law applicable to such procurement." Specifically, the procurement complies with 45 C.F.R. 75.329(f), based upon sub-section (2) thereof, (formerly, 45 C.F.R. 92.36(d)(4)(i)(B)), for the reasons described above.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution.

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RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to amend an agreement with Public Consulting Group, Inc. ("PCG"), pursuant to which PCG has provided the County with Social Security eligibility services for 'Aid to Families with Dependent Children – Foster Care' cases as well as for 'Temporary Assistance for Needy Families' and 'Safety Net Assistance' cases, for a term commencing on July 1, 2011 and continuing through December 31, 2015, for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,690,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget, (the "Agreement") in order to extend the term of the Agreement by three (3) months, to a new termination date of March 31, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended hereby, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

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

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A Start Date: N/A End Date: March 31, 2016
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: N/A
State Aid: N/A
\$ N/A Federal Aid: N/A
(must match resolution) Other: N/A