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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

DATE: April 18, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into agreements with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., in order to participate in three (3) energy reduction pilot programs, at no cost to the County.

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 agreements with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., in order to participate in three (3) pilot programs to reduce energy, for estimated total revenue of \$59,940.00 to be paid to the County, having terms of May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, June 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 and June 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, respectively, to be paid in accordance with contract rates.

The attached resolution would authorize the County to participate in three (3) pilot programs to reduce energy consumption at peak hours. Pursuant to the proposed agreements, certain County wastewater treatment plants 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 of \$59,940.

The three (3) pilot programs are as follows:

Special Case Resource (SCR): 5/1/16 - 4/30/17 - estimated revenue: \$21,060;
Distributed Load Relief Program (DLRP): 6/1/16 - 4/30/17 - estimated revenue: \$19,940; and
Commercial System Relief Program (CSR): 6/1/16 - 4/30/17 - estimated revenue: \$19,940.

Total Estimated Revenue: \$59,940.

There is no requirement for the County to participate in any specific Event for any of the programs. 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 SRC pilot program for period of May 1, 2014 through 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.

On September 10, 2015, your Honorable Board approved a resolution authorizing the County to enter into an Agreement with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., to participate in the SRC pilot program for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

Authority to exempt the agreements 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.

The agreements are in the public's best interest because the agreements and energy reduction programs will provide the County with revenue for participating in the program and will also protect the electrical grid and reduce energy consumption during peak hours. During the term of the agreements, 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 these agreements 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 & CONTRACTS - 05/12/2016 - HONORABLE 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 agreements with Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc., in order to participate in energy reduction pilot programs, having terms of May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, June 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 and June 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, respectively, 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:

2016
2017

		Major Program, Program & Phase	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
Fund	Dept.	Or Unit			
221	60	0110	9670		\$54,675
221	60	0110	9670		\$5,265

Budget Funding Year(s): 2016-2017 _ Start Date: _5/1/2016_ End Date: _4/30/2017_

Funding Source

\$ \$59,940
(must match resolution)

Tax Dollars _____
State Aid _____
Federal Aid _____
Other \$59,940 (revenue) _____