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Date: September 28, 2017

To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Robert F. Meehan
County Attorney

Re: Authority to purchase Helicopter Hull and Liability Insurance from the National Union Fire Insurance Company (an AIG Company) through the brokerage firm of Marsh USA, Inc. of New York, NY. The premium cost of this insurance package shall not exceed \$58,405.00 for the Policy Period November 4, 2017 through November 4, 2018.

On October 13, 2016, your Honorable Board approved the purchase of Helicopter Hull and Liability Insurance from the National Union Fire Insurance Company (an AIG Company) through the brokerage firm of Marsh USA, Inc. of New York, NY for two Bell 407 helicopters, operated by the Department of Public Safety (“DPS”). The term for this agreement was November 4, 2016 through November 4, 2017.

Although the purchase of insurance is exempt from the County procurement policy under Section 3(a)(v) of said policy, the Department of Law, Office of Risk Management, periodically issues a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Helicopter Hull and Liability insurance. The RFP for this insurance package was last issued in August, 2014. However, Marsh USA did approach the incumbent carrier and another company (Global Aerospace). The quotation from AIG through the National Union Fire Insurance Company again appears to best suit the County’s interest, both in coverages and pricing, which again includes a three-year rate lock on the premium providing there is no material change in exposure.

Authority is now requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the National Union Fire Insurance Company through the brokerage firm of Marsh USA, Inc. of New York, N.Y. to purchase Helicopter Hull and Liability Insurance for the policy period November 4, 2017 through November 4, 2018. The insurance package provides: a) \$50,000,000.00 “All Risk” “First Dollar” Liability coverage b) Hull Physical Damage Coverage subject to a \$1,000.00 deductible (rotors not in motion) and 10% Hull value deductible (rotors in motion) for the 2 Bell 407 helicopters.

The premium for the term November 4, 2017 through November 4, 2018 remains the same as the expiring premium in an amount not to exceed \$58,405.00. All other terms and conditions of this insurance package shall remain the same.

The goals and objectives of this agreement are to provide insurance coverage for the Helicopters. The goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because the insurance coverage will protect County assets in the event of an accident, thus insuring public service continuity and reducing risk for all parties. Risk Management will track and monitor any reports of incidents and/or accidents occurring over the policy period and prepare a summary report at the end of the policy period identifying number of occurrences and corrective actions taken (as necessary) to prevent recurrence.

The proposed Agreement will serve a public purpose by protecting County assets in the event of an accident, thus ensuring public service continuity and reducing risk for all parties.

Accordingly, your favorable action on the annexed Resolution is recommended.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 10/26/2017 - LISA M. IAJ, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from Robert F. Meehan, County Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to purchase Helicopter Hull and Liability Insurance, from the National Union Fire Insurance Company through the brokerage firm of Marsh USA, Inc. of New York, NY; and be it further

RESOLVED, that under the terms of the insurance package, the National Union Fire Insurance Company shall provide: a) \$50,000,000.00 "All Risk" "First Dollar" Liability coverage b) Hull Physical Damage Coverage subject to "in motion" and "not in motion" deductibles for the County's two (2) helicopters; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the premium cost of this insurance package shall not exceed \$58,405.00 for the Policy Period November 4, 2017 through November 4, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the "State Budget") proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount, then the insurance companies shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written 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 reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/ credited	Fund	Agency	Capital Project Or Org	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Activity	Dollars
	101	52	2004	4280			\$58,405.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2017 **Start Date** 11/4/17 **End Date** 11/4/18

Funding Source

Tax Dollars	100%
State Aid	
Federal Aid	
Other	

\$58,405.00