



Date: January 20, 2010

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Hon. Kenneth W. Jenkins
Chair, Westchester County Board of Legislators

Re: **Resolution authorizing Westchester County to enter into an agreement with El Centro Hispano, Inc., for the provision of immigrant services for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.00.**

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board for Westchester County to enter into an agreement with El Centro Hispano, Inc. ("El Centro") pursuant to which El Centro would provide immigrant services, for the term January 1, 2010 through December 30, 2010 in an amount not to exceed TWENTY THREE THOUSAND \$23,000.00 DOLLARS, payable quarterly upon the County's receipt of quarterly reports.

El Centro's mission is to strengthen Hispanic families by providing necessary tools including information, referral and counseling in areas including housing, employment, translations and immigration matters. El Centro Hispano also provides families with outreach, counseling and advocacy programs to help them become self-sufficient. A variety of bilingual and cross-cultural programs are held to help the growing Hispanic community assimilate their new language and culture while at the same time maintaining and enriching their own.

When compared to the previous contract, El Centro identified reductions to overall deliverables that the County Board of Legislators deemed acceptable. The goals and objectives of this agreement are: for 500 new clients to receive information about available apartments and rooms in White Plains and the Westchester area; 2,000 new clients will receive information about available jobs in White Plains and the Westchester area; 7,050 repeat clients served by El Centro Hispano will receive information about housing, employment, consumer education, orientation services, nutrition information, family and legal counseling, translation services and other referral services available in White Plains and other areas in Westchester County. They will also be assisted with letter writing of different kinds, filling out applications to apply for services provided by government agencies or when making phone calls to doctors, lawyers, hospitals, employers, landlords, utility companies, clinics and social service agencies. Two Hundred Forty (240) clients will be enrolled in computer classes.

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

Accordingly, I recommend and urge your Honorable Board's approval of the annexed Resolution.

KWJ/mlg
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chair, Westchester County Board of Legislators, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that Westchester County is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with El Centro Hispano, Inc. ("El Centro"), pursuant to which El Centro will provide immigrant services for the term January 1, 2010 through December 30, 2010, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration for the services to be rendered, the County shall pay El Centro an amount not to exceed TWENTY THREE THOUSAND (\$23,000.00) DOLLARS, payable quarterly upon the county's receipt of quarterly reports, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 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 the Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Service Provider, then the Service Provider shall have the right to terminate the Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, or his authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	52	2501	5100		\$23,000.00

Budget Funding Year(s) 2010 Start Date 1/1/2010 End Date 12/30/2010
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$23,000

State Aid _____

\$ \$23,000 Federal Aid _____

(must match resolution) Other _____

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