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DATE: February 21, 2020

TO: Honorable Members
Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Rocco A. Pozzi
Commissioner of Probation

RE: Request for authority for the County of Westchester (the County”) to enter into an agreement with Satellite Tracking Of People, LLC, (“STOP”) pursuant to which STOP will provide electronic monitoring services used in the supervision and tracking of individuals under the supervision of the Department of Probation, for a term commencing on March 1, 2020 and expiring on February 28, 2021, with the County having the sole option to renew annually for up to four additional years for an initial amount not to exceed \$73,000.

Authority of your Honorable Board is hereby requested for the County, acting by and through the Department of Probation (the “Department”), to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with Satellite Tracking Of People, LLC, (“STOP”), pursuant to which STOP will provide electronic monitoring and tracking system to be used by the Department to monitor, track, and/or limit movement of individuals under court-ordered supervision, for a term commencing on March 1, 2020 and expiring on February 28, 2021, with the County having the sole option to renew annually for up to four additional years subject to the further approval of your Honorable Board, for an initial amount not to exceed \$73,000, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

STOP provides a multitier system of services that allows for monitoring that can be tailored to an appropriate level based on risk requirements. This allows for the most cost-effective way to approach bail reform requirements for pre-trial supervision, the supervision of adolescent offenders (as defined by the Raise the Age Legislation) as well as family and criminal court probationers.

At the lowest level, STOP offers a smart phone application that allows the enrollees to actively engage with the supervising probation officer during the monitoring process. This is by far the least intrusive and least restrictive level of monitoring. The next level is a home based receiver biometric finger print



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scanner with radio frequency technology that provides a moderately restrictive manner of monitoring curfews and home confinement. An added level of monitoring is available in conjunction with the receiver by adding an ankle-worn radio frequency transceiver. At the highest level the Contractor offers an ankle-worn device with GPS technology that allows for the 24/7 GPS tracking of enrollees. The described connect to STOP's web-based electronic monitoring platform that receives, organizes and displays all data from these technologies.

The public purpose of the Agreement is twofold. First it is to provide the required pre-trial electronic monitoring services as outlined in the bail reform legislation that came into effect on January 1, 2020. Secondly, in the case of Raise the age, family court and criminal court cases, it will allow for the implementation of graduated sanctions for probationers if and when they are determined to be in need of increased levels of monitoring.

The proposed Agreement is in the County's best interests regarding public health and safety in that it will increase public safety while simultaneously reducing the number of cases where probation revocation and incarceration will be required, ultimately leading to a cost savings to the County.

The proposed Agreement's goals and objectives shall be tracked and monitored by the Department.

The proposed Agreement is exempt from the procedures of the County's Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(i) as the procurement of these services was provided for, and made available statewide, through a New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Piggyback Contract for Services between OGS and STOP (OGS Contract Number PC66893).

Accordingly, I recommend adoption of the annexed Resolution.

RAP/DJ/jrc
Enclosure

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Probation, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester ("County") is authorized to enter into an agreement with Satellite Tracking Of People, LLC, ("STOP"), pursuant to which STOP will provide electronic monitoring and tracking system to be used by the Department to monitor, track, and/or limit movement of individuals under court-ordered supervision, for a term commencing on March 1, 2020 and expiring on February 28, 2021, with the County having the sole option to renew annually for up to four additional years subject to the further approval, for an initial amount not to exceed \$73,000, payable at the rates set forth in that certain NYSOGS Contract Number PC66893; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to the County appropriations; 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 to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly appointed designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any documents and take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

