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ID #77425

Date: June 16, 2020

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Hon. Kenneth Jenkins
Deputy County Executive

Hon. Benjamin Boykin
Chair, Westchester County Board of Legislators

Re: **Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi thereof the procurement of an agreement between the County of Westchester (the “County”) and Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc., (“MVUT”) pursuant to which MVUT will provide a homelessness-prevention and re-housing program.**

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement between the County and MVUT, pursuant to which MVUT will provide a homelessness prevention and re-housing program for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$51,264.

Ordinarily, under Section 5(b) of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to solicit written quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such services. However, it is proposed that compliance with the Procurement Policy would not be in the best interests of the County with respect to this procurement because MVUT is a not-for-profit organization which has been dedicated to providing intensive case management services for over 30 years to those low- and middle-income tenants who are at imminent risk of losing their housing.

MVUT is recognized by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal as a provider of Community Based Housing Services. MVUT will provide intensive case management services to those low and middle income tenants who are at imminent risk of losing their housing. These services will include a broad range of eviction prevention and re-housing services.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that MVUT is uniquely qualified to provide this service to the County and that an exemption to compliance with the procedures of the Procurement Policy be granted by your Honorable Board in accordance with section 3(a)xxi of said Policy.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, it is hereby determined that application of the procedural requirements contained therein, including the necessity of soliciting proposals, is neither cost effective nor expedient, and accordingly, not in the best interests of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Mount Vernon United Tenants, Inc., pursuant to which Mount Vernon United Tenants will provide a homelessness prevention and re-housing program for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$51,264.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 06/25/2020 - LISA MRIJAJ, SECRETARY