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Date: March 4, 2021

To: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: George Latimer
County Executive

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Brezler, LLC to assist the County in creating a renewable industry desk, accessing the available funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, engaging with construction/maritime industry/wind generation firms for hiring of local talent, and producing educational benefits/career pathways for local students into renewables, for a term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$72,000.00, payable at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

Authority of your Honorable Board is requested to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures ("Procurement Policy"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Brezler, LLC to assist the County in creating a renewable industry desk, accessing the available funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, engaging with construction/maritime industry/wind generation firms for hiring of local talent, and producing educational benefits/career pathways for local students into renewables, for a term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$72,000.00, payable at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

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, these services are necessary in order to promote growth in the renewable energy sector in Westchester County, allowing the County to access unique funding from the State and promote job growth in an emerging sector. Creating this renewable industry desk, will ensure that the County is able to support residents and businesses as they navigate this emerging economy.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi), the Procurement Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which your Honorable Board determines, by Resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the policy would not be in the best interest of the County. It is proposed that the County's interest would be served by exempting the procurement of this agreement from the County Procurement Policy. A Resolution to exempt the procurement of this agreement is submitted for your consideration.

As I believe this agreement to be in the best interests of the County, I most respectfully recommend and urge the adoption of the annexed Resolution.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive, 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 interest of the County of Westchester in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Brezler, LLC to assist the County in creating a renewable industry desk, accessing the available funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, engaging with construction/maritime industry/wind generation firms for hiring of local talent, and producing educational benefits/career pathways for local students into renewables, for a term from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, for an amount not-to-exceed \$72,000.00, payable at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT 03/16/2021
LESLIE M. HARRIS, SECRETARY