



Office of the District Attorney
County of Westchester

MEMORANDUM

On Base ID # 84046

Date: March 26, 2021

To: Honorable Board of Acquisition & Contract

From: Miriam E. Rocah
District Attorney

Re: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy the procurement of an agreement with the Center for Court Innovation, for the provision of consulting services in connection with the development and implementation of a prosecutor-led pre-arraignment diversion program, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Procurement Policy") the procurement of an agreement between the County of Westchester, acting by and through the District Attorney's Office (the "County"), and the Center for Court Innovation, for the provision of consulting services in connection with the development and implementation of a prosecutor-led pre-arraignment diversion program for a one-year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.00, and payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Under Section 5(b) of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to issue a Request for Proposals for such services. However, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Procurement Policy, the Procurement Policy is not applicable to any procurement for which this Honorable Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the Procurement Policy would not be in the best interests of the County.

The exemption is in the County's best interest since the Center for Court Innovation has previously helped design and launch successful diversion programs in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx with their respective DA Offices. These diversion programs launched by the Center for Court Innovation have had a clear, beneficial impact for both participants and system stakeholders, expediting the justice process, creating positive outcomes and alleviating the strain on overburdened court systems. Thus, the Center for Court Innovation has specialized experience that will facilitate the development and implementation of a similar prosecutor-led diversion program in the County.

Therefore, it is proposed that the County's best interests would be served by exempting the procurement of the aforementioned agreement with the Center for Court Innovation from the application of the Procurement Policy procedures pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof.

Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board's consideration.

MR/PAD/jpi

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the District Attorney, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, it is 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 in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Center for Court Innovation, for the provision of consulting services in connection with the development and implementation of a prosecutor-led diversion program.

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