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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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Executive Director, Solid Waste Commission

SUBJECT: Authority to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures an agreement with West Publishing Corporation for the provision of providing background investigation services on behalf of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission, for a term commencing March 1, 2020 and continuing through February 28, 2023, in an amount not-to-exceed \$23,910.60 per year.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the procedures of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Procurement Policy") an agreement between the County of Westchester (the "County") and West Publishing Corporation for West Publishing Corporation to provide background investigation services on behalf of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission (the "Commission"), for a term commencing March 1, 2020 and continuing through February 28, 2023, in a total amount not-to-exceed \$23,910.60, consisting of an amount not-to-exceed \$7,735.80 for the first year of the Three-Year Agreement, an amount not-to-exceed \$7,967.88 for the second year of the term of the Three-Year Agreement, and an amount not-to-exceed \$8,206.92 for the third year of the term of the Three-Year Agreement term, and payable pursuant to an approved budget.

Ordinarily, under Section 5 of the Procurement Policy, the County is required to solicit written or oral quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such services. However, West is a primary provider of computer-assisted research services in the United States. It is imperative to ensure that the Solid Waste Commission has access to the most current news and all archived news items. Thus, authorization is hereby being sought by your Honorable Board to exempt the Agreement from the Westchester County Procurement Policy.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi, the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures are not applicable to any procurement for which this Honorable Board determines, by resolution passed prior to commencing such procurement, that compliance with the policy would not be in the best interests of the County. For the reasons set forth above, it is proposed that the best

interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of an Agreement with West Publishing Corporation from the County Procurement Policy.

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Executive Director of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission, 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 quotations, 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 West Publishing Corporation for the provision of providing background investigation services on behalf of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission.