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TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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Peter McCartt
Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability

SUBJECT: Resolution to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Hudson Valley Regional Council, Inc., pursuant to which it will provide the County with services in relation to a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under its Climate Smart Communities Grant Program.

Authority is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with Hudson Valley Regional Council, Inc. (“HVRC”), pursuant to which HVRC will provide the County with services in relation to a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under its Climate Smart Communities Grant Program (the “Contractor Agreement”).

The services to be performed by HVRC under the Contractor Agreement primarily concern the collaborative group learning model known as the Climate Action Planning Institute (“CAPI”) that HVRC originally developed. The CAPI model primarily concerns development of individual government operations greenhouse gas emissions inventories and government operations climate action plans. HVRC partnered with the County on the County’s successful application, as lead applicant, to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”) for a grant, under NYSDEC’s Climate Smart Communities Grant Program, to fund work related to the development of a Westchester CAPI. HVRC’s CAPI model and its experience in such climate-related work was important in the grant application process, and its expertise now means that HVRC is uniquely positioned to best provide the necessary services under the Contractor Agreement.

Based upon the foregoing, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of the Contractor Agreement.

Accordingly, a resolution to exempt this procurement is hereby submitted for your consideration.

PM/bdm/nm

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the County Executive and the Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability, be it hereby:

RESOLVED, that that pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Westchester County Procurement Policy, 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 (the "County") in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Hudson Valley Regional Council, Inc. ("HVRC"), pursuant to which HVRC will provide the County with services in relation to a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation under its Climate Smart Communities Grant Program.

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