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Board of Legislators

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TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Honorable Vedat Gashi
Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators

SUBJECT: Authority to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures, pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement with the Jewish Community Center on the Hudson, Inc. d/b/a Harold & Elaine Shames Jewish Community Center for the provision of after-school services for elementary school children, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2024, and terminating on December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

Authority is hereby requested from your Honorable Board to exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy"), pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, the procurement of an agreement between the County of Westchester, acting by and through the County Board of Legislators, (the County") and the Jewish Community Center on the Hudson, Inc. d/b/a Harold & Elaine Shames Jewish Community Center (the "JCC") for the provision of after-school services for elementary school children (the "Agreement"). The term of the Agreement will commence retroactively on January 1, 2024 and will terminate on December 31, 2024. In consideration for the services rendered, the County will pay an amount not to exceed \$52,000.00, to be paid pursuant to an approved budget.

Under the proposed Agreement, the JCC will provide an after-school program for elementary school children in grades K-5 that: (1) offers children a diverse range of extracurricular activities, (2) provides children with a safe environment so that working parents can maintain their professional commitments, (3) accommodates children with special needs, and (4) is directed by experts with extensive experience working with children.

Ordinarily, under Section 5 of the Policy, the County is required to “solicit written quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such goods or services and, if deemed appropriate, shall inquire as to the qualifications and experience of such persons.” However, the JCC has the specialized expertise and experience in providing children, including but not limited to those with special needs, with support services and programming which are proven to improve children’s lives.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) of the Policy, the 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 interests of the County. For the reasons set forth above, the best interests of the County would be served by exempting the procurement of this Agreement from the Policy.

Accordingly, a Resolution to exempt the procurement of an agreement with the JCC is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board’s consideration.

VG/MQZ
Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, it is 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 written price quotations”, 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 the Jewish Community Center on the Hudson, Inc. d/b/a Harold & Elaine Shames Jewish Community Center for the provision of after-school services for elementary school children.

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