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DATE: December 6, 2024  
TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract  
FROM: Marguerite Beirne, Chief Information Officer  
Department of Information Technology

RE: RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT FROM THE OPERATION OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY PROCUREMENT POLICY AN AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. ("MOTOROLA") WHEREBY MOTOROLA WILL PROVIDE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY'S MICROWAVE SYSTEM

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The County of Westchester ("County") operates a system of microwave links (a "Microwave System"), which supports the County's trunked and conventional radio systems (collectively herein referred to as the "Radio Systems").

The Microwave System supports the Radio Systems by providing a microwave backbone or backup to the County's Radio Systems when the Lightpath system is down.

The Radio Systems facilitate effective communications among emergency responders throughout the County, including the Department of Emergency Services, local fire departments and local emergency medical services. The County Department of Public Works and Transportation utilizes the Radio System as a means to communicate with its surface bus fleet. The Radio System facilitate communications for the Department of Public Safety and, also, provide interoperability with municipal police departments within the County for mutual aid purposes.

It is vitally important that the Radio Systems continue to function reliably with minimal disruption, and the Microwave System provides that reliability.

Motorola was the original equipment manufacturer and vendor responsible for the design and implementation of the Microwave System. It is uniquely familiar with both the underlying equipment and design of this vital system. Motorola began maintaining the Microwave System since after completing its implementation in 2017. As such, Motorola is the most responsible choice as a service provider for a maintenance contract.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)xxi, the Westchester County 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 policy would not be in the best interests of the County. Based on the reasons described above, it is proposed that the best interests of the County would be served by exempting this procurement from the County Procurement Policy.

A separate resolution is also before your Honorable Board requesting authorization to enter into a maintenance service agreement with Motorola for the Microwave System for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 7, 2025.

Accordingly, the attached resolution is submitted for your consideration.

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## **RESOLUTION**

UPON A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BE IT HEREBY

**RESOLVED**, 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 (“County”) in connection with the procurement of an agreement with Motorola, Solutions, Inc., (“Motorola”) whereby Motorola will provide maintenance service for the County’s microwave system for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and continuing through December 7, 2025.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/09/2025 - RAYMOND SOULKA, SECRETARY