

Kenneth W. Jenkins **County Executive**

Department of Social Services

Leonard G. Townes Commissioner

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DATE:

Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

Leonard G. Townes, Commissioner

Department of Social Services TO:

FROM:

Authority for the County of Westchester to exercise the second of its two SUBJECT:

options under an agreement with Experian information Solutions, Inc. for the provision of full credit reports searches, address updates and social security searches to assist the investigative staff of the Department of Social Services in the detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse in an assortment of government benefit programs, in order to extend the term thereof for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 in

an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00, payable at approved rates.

By resolution approved on March 3, 2022, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Experian Information Solutions, Inc. ("Experian") for the provision of full credit reports searches, address updates and social security searches to assist the investigative staff of the Department in the detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse in an assortment of government benefit programs (the "Services"), for an initial term commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 (the "Initial Term") with the County having the sole option to renew the Agreement for two additional one-year periods (each an "Option Term), for the respective not-to-exceed amounts specified below and otherwise

> Period Not-To-Exceed Amount Initial Term -(1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024)\$45,000.00 Option Term #1 (1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025) \$15,000.00 Option Term #2 (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2026) \$15,000.00

The Agreement was subsequently executed.

on the same terms as the Initial Term:

By resolution approved on December 5, 2024, your Honorable Board authorized the County, acting by and through the Department, to amend the Agreement with Experian in order to extend the term thereof from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 (the "First Option Term"), in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, payable at the rates set forth in Experian's Proposal dated December 21, 2021 which is attached to the Agreement as Schedule "A" (the "First Amendment"; DSS7010-A-22). The First Amendment was subsequently executed.

The Department now wishes to exercise the second of its two (2) options to extend the Agreement with Experian for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Accordingly, authority is requested to amend the Agreement with Experian in order to extend the term thereof from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 (the "Second Option Term"). In consideration for Services to be rendered during the Second Option Term, the County shall pay Experian an amount not-to-exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, payable at the rates set forth in Experian's Proposal dated December 21, 2021 which is attached to the Agreement as Schedule "A" (the "Second Amendment"; DSS7010-B-22).

Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect upon the parties.

It should be noted that because the not-to-exceed amount authorized under the Second Option Term (i.e., \$15,000.00) will not-exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold established under 2 CFR§ 200.324 (i.e. \$250,000.00), no cost analysis is required.

The proposed Second Amendment to the Agreement will serve a public purpose by helping the Department to detect and prevent fraud and waste and ensure the integrity of the public assistance caseload and the correctness of public assistance eligibility.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Second Amendment to the Agreement are to provide the Department with credit reports searches, address updates and social security searches in order to assist the investigative staff of the Department in the detection and prevention of fraud and waste.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Second Amendment to the Agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because Experian's consumer credit reports will assist the Department with recovery of overpayments; the prevention, detection and reporting of and waste.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Second Amendment to the Agreement will be tracked and monitored by the Department staff. An appropriate resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

LGT/NF/tml Attachment

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services (the "Department") is authorized to exercise the second of its two (2) options under an agreement (the "Agreement") with Experian Information Solutions, Inc. ("Experian"), pursuant to which Experian agreed to provide the County with full credit reports searches, address updates and social security searches to assist the investigative staff of the Department in the detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse in an assortment of government benefit programs (the "Services"), for an initial term commencing on January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024 (the "Initial Term") in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000.00, payable at approved rates, with the County having the sole option to renew the Agreement for two additional one-year periods (each an "Option Term), in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00 per Option Term, payable at approved rates, in order to extend the term of the Agreement for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 (the "Second Option Term"; DSS7010-B-22); and be it further

RESOLVED, that in consideration for Services to be rendered during the Second Option Term, the County shall pay Experian an amount not-to-exceed Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, payable at the rates set forth in Experian's Proposal dated December 21, 2021, which is attached to the Agreement as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County will not have any remaining options to renew under the Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED that except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect upon the parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is empowered to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution.

\$45,000.00 **Initial Term** First Option Term 15,000.00 **Second Option Term** 15,000.00 \$60,000.00

1. Account to be Charged/Credited:

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			Major Program,			4.					
			Program &	Object/	Trust						
	Fund	Dept.	Phase	Sub-	Account	Dollars					
			Or Unit	Object	(0)						
	101	22	4000:4300	4420:99	10/4	\$15,000.00					
udget Funding Year(s): 2026 tart Date: January 1, 2026 End Date: December 31, 2026 nust match resolution)											
unding Source:											
	Federal	!	50% (CFDA#(s)	N/A							

2. Budget Funding Year(s):

(must match resolution)

3. Funding Source:

Federal	50%	CFDA#(s)	N/A	
State	12%	State ID#(s)	N/A	
Operating/ Tax Levy	38%			
Capital	N/A			

fotal NTE: \$15,000.00 (must match resolution)