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Board of Legislators

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DATE: August 28, 2024

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

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

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 African American Chamber of Commerce of Hudson Valley Inc. for the provision of providing a variety of programs for children and adults that foster economic empowerment, education and community engagement, for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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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 (the County) and the African American Chamber of Commerce of Hudson Valley Inc., (the "Contractor") for the provision of various programs for children and adults that foster economic empowerment, education, and community engagement (the "Agreement"). The term of the Agreement will commence retroactively on January 1, 2024 and continue through December 31, 2024. In consideration for services rendered, the County of Westchester, acting by and through the Board of Legislators, will pay an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, pursuant to an approved budget.

The Contractor will provide a variety of programs and initiatives that support both aspiring entrepreneurs and the broader community. Specifically, the Contractor shall provide the following services: (1) Entrepreneurship Workshops, (2) Financial Literacy Program for Youth, (3) Community Engagement Monthly Round Table Events, (4) An Evening of Fitness & Fun, and (5) Community Outreach Back to School and Holiday Events.

Ordinarily under Section 5 of the Policy, the County is required to “solicit written or oral quotations from no fewer than three persons customarily providing such goods or services, and if deemed appropriate, to inquire as to the qualifications and experience of such persons.” However, the Contractor has the specialized expertise and experience in providing programs for children and adults that foster economic empowerment, education, and community engagement, and compliance with the Policy would not be in the best interests of the County.

Pursuant to Section 3(a)(xxi) thereof, 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, it is proposed that 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 Contractor is hereby submitted for your Honorable Board’s consideration.

VG/AR/MB  
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 or oral 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 African American Chamber of Commerce of Hudson Valley Inc. for the provision of a variety of programs for children and adults that foster economic empowerment, education and community engagement.

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