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DATE: May 28, 2025

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Terrance Raynor
Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services, to enter into an agreement with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services, to allow certified bomb technicians to participate in the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Services Advanced Ordnance Recognition for Law Enforcement course, for a term commencing September 01, 2025 and continuing through January 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$78,380, pursuant to an approved budget.

Attached for your review and consideration is a proposed resolution that would, if approved by your Honorable Board, authorize the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services ("Department"), to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (the "Consultant"), pursuant to which the Consultant shall allow certified bomb technicians to participate in Consultant's Advanced Ordnance Recognition for Law Enforcement course (the "Course"), for a term commencing September 01, 2025, and continuing through January 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$78,380, pursuant to an approved budget, to be paid with FY2022 Bomb Squad Initiative federal grant funds ("Grant Funds").

It should be noted that the certified bomb technicians participating in this Course are members of the bomb squads from the County, NYPD, Rockland County, Nassau County, Suffolk County as this project is considered a regional project under the Grant Funds. The training course shall commence at a date, time and location to be agreed upon by the Department and the Consultant.

Consultant is an internationally recognized leader in the delivery of customized training with over seventy years of experience in providing law enforcement training. The course is the only eighty-hour program that provides advanced ordnance identification training designed specifically to address public safety bomb technician and other federal explosives specialist needs. Due to the comprehensive nature of the course, it now serves as a mandated training requirement by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for Certified Explosives Specialists.

The proposed Agreement is in the public's best interest and will promote the safety and general welfare of the public by providing the County's Hazardous Devices Unit and other bomb squads in the metropolitan area with needed training to effectively inspect, identify, and safely handle potential ordnance. The goals and objectives of this program are the enhancement of the public safety and security of the County's residents.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored by the Department's Special Operations Division.

The proposed program is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures (the "Policy") pursuant to Section 3(a)(xi) thereof. In accordance with the applicable Federal pursuant rules, this procurement qualifies as a "sole source" procurement. This course was developed by the Consultant, and the Consultant is the only provider of this course. It is the only ordnance course that addresses Federal guidelines (EPA, DOD, DHS) related to military munitions response including national preparedness guidelines, core capabilities, capability targets, and federal resources available to assist in ordnance/military munition response incidents. It is also the only ordnance course approved for the award of International Association for Continuing Education and training Continuing Education Units.

Accordingly, authority is respectfully sought for the County to enter into this proposed Agreement.

TR/SG/mb

RESOLUTION

Upon communication from the Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety Services, be it

RESOLVED, that authority is hereby granted to the County of Westchester (the “County”) acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services (“Department”), to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) with Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (the “Consultant”), pursuant to which the Consultant shall allow certified bomb technicians to participate in Consultant’s Advanced Ordnance Recognition for Law Enforcement course, for a term commencing September 01, 2025, and continuing through January 31, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$78,380, pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to Consultant, then Consultant shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take such actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be Charged / Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase, or Unit	Sub-unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	38	540Z	GRNT	4380	T540	\$78,380.00

Budget Funding Year(s): 2025 Start Date 09/01/2025 End Date 01/31/2026
(must match resolution)

Funding Source

Tax Dollars _____

State Aid _____

\$78,380.00

Federal Aid (NYS pass through) \$78,380.00

(must match resolution)

Other _____