

Supporting The Submission Of A Local Government Efficiency Grant Application To The New York Department Of State For The Hudson Valley Local Government Cooperative Purchasing Project – Department Of Purchasing

The Budget and Finance Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bernardo, Frey, Hansut, Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Lomita, Provenzano and Sheeley) and Co-Sponsors: The Government Operations and Efficiency Committee (Chairperson Bernardo and Legislators Maio, Petit, Ronk, Madsen, Shapiro and Zimet) offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Purchasing, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Purchasing has requested the Ulster County Legislature's support for the submission by Ulster County, along with county governments across the Hudson Valley, of a Local Government Efficiency grant application to the New York State Department of State for up to \$200,000.00 for the implementation of the Hudson Valley Local Government Cooperative Purchasing Project, which would include: the purchase and implementation of cooperative bidding (demand pooling) software, the development of a regional database system as a central depository for all Hudson Valley Municipal Purchasing Group contracts and county-awarded contracts, and the marketing and promotion of the benefits of cooperative purchasing to local elected officials, and

WHEREAS, Rockland County would serve as the lead applicant on this grant application with Dutchess County, Orange County, Putnam County and Ulster County agreeing to be co-applicants, and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded, the required 10% local share will be split between the County and the co-applicants, and the County's estimated local share of \$4,000.00 would be allocated from within the Purchasing Department's 2010 budget, and

WHEREAS, the faltering national and state economies have put added pressure on local governments to be more efficient in spending taxpayer dollars, and the proposed cooperative purchasing project will expand the use of cooperative purchasing in the Hudson Valley and provide to local governments who participate benefits that include: lower prices via pooled negotiating power, lower transaction costs, reduced advertising costs, reduced workload, adoption of best-in-class purchasing practices, higher quality of goods and services, lower supply risks, and transparency in the procurement process, and

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

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WHEREAS, the Government Operations and Efficiency Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature supports the application by lead applicant Rockland County for funding from a Local Government Efficiency grant for the implementation of the Hudson Valley Local Government Cooperative Purchasing Project, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 31 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Felicello and Zimet)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$4,000.00 – BUDGETED 2010 COUNTY DOLLARS

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 16th day of March, 2010, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18th Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Ten.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this
18th Day of March, 2010.

/s/ Karen L. Binder
Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this
24th Day of March, 2010.

/s/ Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive