

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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To: Honorable Town Board

From: Shawn P Martin, Town Attorney

Date: November 9, 2012

Re: Transportation & Escort Services Contract with Erie County

Honorable Board Members:

Kindly authorize the Supervisor to execute the attached Transportation & Escort Services Contract with Erie County effective January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013.



ERIE COUNTY DEPT. OF SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM CONTRACT

1. TITLE OF PROGRAM: Transportation and Escort Services

2. CONTRACT PERIOD: From January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

3. VEHICLE INFORMATION: Primary Vehicle: 2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van
VIN # 1FBNE31L36DB01444

Available Spares: 2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van
VIN# 1FBNE31L16HA35727

4. ORGANIZATION:

Name: **Town of West Seneca**

Mailing Address: West Seneca Town Hall, 1250 Union Road
West Seneca, New York 14224

Office Phone: (716) 674-5600

Executive Director/Administrator: Sheila M.Meegan, Town Supervisor

Email: smeegan@twсны.org

6. PROGRAM CONTACT:

Name, Title: Mary Josefiak, Director

Mailing Address: 4620 Seneca Street
West Seneca, New York 14224

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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made on the 1st day of January, 2013 between the COUNTY OF ERIE (the "County"), a municipal corporation of the State of New York, having its principal office in Buffalo, Erie County, New York, acting by and through the Erie County Department of Senior Services, (the "Department"), and

Town of West Seneca

(the "Agency"), a municipality organized under the laws of New York State having an office and principal place of business at :

West Seneca Town Hall, 1250 Union Road, West Seneca, New York 14224

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County desires to make available to the residents of Erie County, services to the elderly as authorized by the New York State Office for the Aging and by the Erie County Legislature, the Erie County Department of Senior Services is hereby authorized to establish, operate and maintain programs and services for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Agency in the spirit of mutuality and partnership, desire to provide the residents of the County the optimum quantity of geriatric services of the highest professional quality; and

WHEREAS, the Agency enjoys the use of facilities and has the capacity for the provision of certain services to the aging; and desires to provide a program to

Provide transportation services to high-risk elderly from their homes to and from medical, nutritional, financial, social, shopping, and personal needs appointments.

and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract for such services and the Agency has agreed to furnish such services to the residents of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the County and the Agency agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: THIS AGREEMENT

Section 1.1 Incorporations. The agreement between the parties shall consist of this Agreement and the following Schedules which are attached hereto and made part hereof:

Schedule "A": Statement of Services.

Schedule "B": County Standard Insurance Provisions. Classification E .

Schedule "C": Program Specific Standard Assurances. Agency may also be referred to as "Applicant" in Schedule C.

Section 1.2 Agreement . The Agency agrees to provide the services set forth herein subject to all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and Schedules hereof. Agency further agrees to all the representations, terms, and conditions set forth in the attached Schedules listed above as if fully set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement and the Schedules above shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall supersede all previous negotiations, commitments and writings. This Agreement shall not be released, discharged, changed or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized representative of each of the parties

Section 1.3 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

ARTICLE II: TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT

Section 2.1 Term of Agreement: The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2013 and shall terminate on, December 31, 2013 unless terminated earlier pursuant to the provisions of this agreement.

Section 2.2 Termination.

A.) In the event that services under this agreement are not satisfactory to the County or to the New York State Office for the Aging, the County may terminate this agreement upon ten (10) days written notice to the Agency either by personal service or by certified or registered mail.

B.) The County may terminate this Agreement in the event the terms and conditions hereof are not fully complied with by the Agency by giving ten (10) days notice to the Agency, in writing, of its intention to terminate for that reason.

C.) Otherwise, either party may at any time during the term of this Agreement or any extension thereof terminate this Agreement by giving to the other party thirty (30) days written notice of its intention to terminate.

D.) The Agency agrees that in the event of termination of the agreement prior to the expiration date set forth in this Agreement, the Agency agrees to:

1) Account for and refund to the County, within thirty (30) calendar days, any funds that have been paid to the Agency pursuant to this agreement that are in excess of unreimbursed expenses incurred prior to the notice of termination;

2) Not incur any further obligations pursuant to the agreement beyond the termination date;

3) Submit, within thirty (30) days of termination, a report listing each and every receipt, expenditure of funds, program activity, accomplishment, and obstacle encountered relating to this agreement.

4) Return all fixed assets belonging to the County of Erie, purchased under the terms of this or preceding contracts.

Section 2.3 County's Rights. In the event the County determines that there has been a material breach by the Agency of any of the terms of the Agreement and such breach remains uncured for forty-eight (48) hours after service on the Agency of written notice thereof, the County, in addition to any other right or remedy it might have, may terminate this Agreement and the County shall have the right, power and authority to complete the services provided for in this Agreement, or contract for its completion, and any additional expense or cost of such completion shall be charged to and paid by the Agency. Without limiting the foregoing, upon written notice to the Agency, repeated breaches by the Agency of duties or obligations under this Agreement shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement justifying termination for cause hereunder without requirement for further opportunity to cure.

ARTICLE III: BASIC OBLIGATIONS OF AGENCY

Section 3.1 Contract Services. The Agency shall provide to the residents of Erie County the contract services set forth in Schedule "A" attached to this Agreement. The contract services shall be carried out by the Agency in accordance with current industry standards and trade practices.

Section 3.2 Duty to Report Progress. The Agency shall report to the County on its progress toward completing the contract services, as the Commissioner of Senior Services or his/her duly authorized designee (the "Commissioner") may request, and shall immediately inform the Commissioner in writing of any cause for delay in the performance of its obligations under this agreement.

Section 3.3 Insurance. The Agency agrees to procure and maintain insurance naming the County as additional insured, as provided and described in Schedule "B", entitled "Standard Insurance Provisions", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. All Certificates of Insurance shall be approved by the County of Erie Department of Law prior to the inception of work, and all payments will be delayed until the requirements are met. All entities which have elected to become self-insurers for liabilities formerly covered by policies of Automobile, General, Excess Umbrella Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation are required to provide to the Department, proof of coverage equivalent to the limits required by this Section as specified in Schedule B. Evidence of Workers' Compensation must be on forms approved by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board.

In the event that a required insurance policy is cancelled, expires or lapses, the Agency shall submit to the County an updated Certificate of Insurance, which shall be reviewed for approval by the County of Erie Department of Law and all payments will be delayed until the requirements are met. In addition, the County reserves the right to terminate this Agreement should the Agency fail to provide the required insurance within 30 days of the policy's cancellation, expiration or lapse.

Section 3.4 Contract Expenses. The Agency shall be responsible for all costs involved in the delivery of contract services and shall incur only those expenses set forth in this Agreement on any Schedule attached hereto. Subcontracts for services as required under this agreement shall also be in accordance with this Agreement and any Schedule attached hereto.

Section 3.5 Professional Standards and Levels of Service. All contract services will be delivered in accordance with generally accepted standards of professional quality and quantity. The units of service as specified shall be periodically reviewed by the parties, and where appropriate, the units of service specification may be adjusted by the mutual agreement of the parties in writing. No reduction in the level of services shall be permitted if such reduction alters the basic nature or adversely affects the quality of the contract services. If the Agency is delivering service at a rate which, in the judgment of the Department will result in a level of service below that agreed upon, the Department may, after notifying the Agency, formally request that the rate of service be increased in general or by a specified amount up to the level agreed upon.

Section 3.6 Required Performance. Agency agrees that, whether during the contract term or thereafter, it will do all necessary acts and sign any and all documents, contract amendments and/or supplemental agreements which may be required or necessary to maintain grant status and/or to satisfy requirements by federal, state, county and grant providers or which may be required to maintain or to obtain additional grant funds applicable to the term set forth in this Agreement.

Section 3.7. Indemnification. In addition to, and not in limitation of the insurance provisions contained in Schedule "B", Agency agrees that except for the amount, if any, of damage contributed to, caused by, or resulting from the negligence of the County: (a) the Agency shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all liability, damage, claims, demands, costs, judgments, fees, attorney's fees or loss arising directly or indirectly out of the performance or failure to perform hereunder by the Agency or third parties under the direction or control of the Agency; and (b) Agency shall provide defense for and defend, at its sole expense, any and all claims, demands or causes of action directly or indirectly arising out of this Agreement and to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto. Agency's obligation under this Section shall continue beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Section 3.8 Non-assignability and Subcontract Agreements. The Agency shall not assign, transfer, convey, subcontract or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or of its right, title, or interest herein or its power to execute this Agreement to any person or corporation without the

previous consent, in writing, of the County. All agreements between the Agency and a subcontractor(s) shall be by written contract only. Any subcontract submitted for approval by the County must provide in writing that the Agency will retain ultimate control and responsibility for the service provided under the subcontract and that the subcontractor shall be bound by the provisions of the Agreement between the Agency and the County and any other requirement applicable to the Agency in the provision of contract services. Where required by New York State law, all subcontractors shall be licensed and certified to perform contract services by the Offices of New York State. All subcontracts entered into by the Agency shall be written in accordance with all local, New York State and Federal laws, rules and regulations and shall be available for review by the County and the Offices of New York State. No subcontract shall provide for the County to incur financial obligation. All subcontracts entered into by the Agency with a subcontractor shall be governed by applicable provisions of New York State law relating to conflict of interests. The Agency shall not be relieved of any responsibility under this Agreement by any subcontract. The Provider shall require by written agreement all subcontractors and their employees to observe all applicable local, New York State and Federal laws, rules and regulations relating to the confidentiality of client records and information.

Section 3.9 Agency Status Written notice to the County pursuant to the notice provisions above AND to the Erie County Department of Law, 95 Franklin Street, Rath Building-16th Floor, Buffalo, New York, 14202 shall be given by Agency should: (A) Agency's status be altered in any way; and/or (B) Agency be subject to investigation concerning acts or omissions which would affect Agency's status and/or licensure. Immediate notice under this section means postmarked First Class Mailing no later than 72 hours after any alteration of license status or knowledge of any investigation.

Section 3.10. Compliance with the Law. The Agency shall furnish the contract services in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, County, Local and Department laws, rules, regulations, and policies and procedure manuals. The Agency shall further comply, at its own expense, with all applicable rules, regulations and licensing requirements pertaining to its professional status and that of its employees, partners, associates, subcontractors and others employed to render the services hereunder.

ARTICLE IV: PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES

Section 4.1 Amount payable by the County. The agency agrees to accept the use of one 2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van VIN # 1FBNE31L36DB01444 in full consideration for the Agency services referred to in this contract. In addition, the following vans may be available for back-up vehicles with the prior approval of the Project Administrator or the Senior Dispatcher: 2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van Vin# 1FBNE31L16HA35727. Except as otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, no payment shall be made the County to the Agency for out-of-pocket expenses or disbursements made in connection with contract services to be performed hereunder.

ARTICLE V: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

Section 5.1 General Supervision and Evaluation. The Department shall provide, in a manner consistent with Federal, State and local laws and regulations, general supervision and evaluation

over the contract services and facilities rendered, administered or coordinated by the Agency.

Section 5.2 Revision of Contract. The Department shall, during the term of this Agreement, review any proposals submitted by the Agency to change the contract services. The Department may authorize appropriate amendments to this contract upon the mutual agreement of both parties that such change or changes are desirable. All budget transfers for any approved changes in services pursuant to this Section must be in compliance with the requirements of this Agreement. In no event shall such change result in an increase in the obligation of the County without the authorization in writing of the County Executive of Erie County and, when necessary, the authorization of the Erie County Legislature.

ARTICLE VI: RECORDS, REPORTS, AUDITS.

Section 6.1 Records.

A.) The Agency shall keep records with respect to delivery of contract services performed under this agreement. Such records shall be kept separate or identifiable from those relating to other activities of the Agency. The Agency shall maintain adequate individual client service records which shall, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, be made available to the Department. Individual records or evaluations shall be transferred to the Department or other providers of services only upon the written authorization from the client.

B.) Any information transferred to a provider of services to the aging is to be confidential and used solely for the benefit of the client. At the expiration or termination of this agreement, or any extension thereof, all plans and programs for providing services, all educational plans, programs and materials, all program records, and all program evaluation shall become the property of the Department on behalf of the County. Individual records and evaluations shall be transferred to the Department if the Agency is not adequately maintaining such records or if the Agency is dissolved. The Agency's obligation under this Section shall continue beyond the termination of this agreement and shall be in compliance with confidentiality requirements of applicable laws.

Section 6.2 Record Retention. The Agency shall retain all books and records (including supporting documents) relating to its performance under this agreement for six (6) years from the expiration or termination date of this agreement unless permission is given to the Agency in writing by the Department to destroy them prior to the expiration of the six (6) year period.

Section 6.3 Audit, Inspection and Visitation.

A.) Subject to the confidentiality and privilege provisions of this Agreement, the Agency shall during regular business hours make available for reasonable audit, inspection and visitation by the Department, the Erie County Comptroller, the New York State Office for the Aging, and the New York State Department of Audit and Control, U.S. Administration on Aging or any persons retained by these agencies, its contract services, facilities, and all financial, statistical and client reports, records, memoranda and other data relating thereto. Further, the agency shall provide a copy of any audit, and/or management letter received from any

independent auditor who has occasion to audit said agency's books and records and provide such audit and/or management letter to such agency, to the Erie County Comptroller's Office, 11th Floor - Rath Building, Buffalo, New York, 14202, and the Erie County Department of Senior Services, Attention: Fiscal Management Unit, Room 1329, Rath Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202.

B.) In the event, this Agreement is funded in part by funds from the Federal government, the agency must meet the audit requirements of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 and Chapter 75 of Title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Single Audit Act) as currently named, numbered and/or amended, as well as any additional audit requirements contained in this Agreement and Schedules of this Agreement.

Section 6.4 Confidentiality and Privilege. All examinations, inspections, audits and visitations hereunder shall, in the absence of an effective waiver by the client, be conducted in accordance with client confidentiality requirements of applicable laws, on the Agency's premises, and at the discretion of the Agency, in the presence of an Agency representative.

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.1 Relationship of Parties The Agency and the County agree that the Agency and its officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors and/or consultants are independent contractors and not employees, agents or servants of the County or any department, agency or unit thereof. In accordance with their status as independent contractors, the Agency covenants and agrees that neither the Agency nor any of its officers, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors and/or consultants will act as, hold themselves out as, or claim to be, officers or employees of the County or any department, agency or unit thereof.

Section 7.2 New York Law and Interpretation

A.) This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. In addition, the parties hereby agree that for any cause of action arising out of this Agreement shall be brought in the County of Erie.

B.) If any term or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, any such term, or provision shall be restricted in applicability or reformed to the minimum extent required for such to be enforceable. This provision shall be interpreted and enforced to give effect to the original written intent of the parties prior to the determination of such invalidity or unenforceability.

Section 7.3 No Third-Party Reliance Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give to any third party or its successors and assigns any rights, remedies or basis for reliance upon, or by reason of this Contract, except in the event that specific third party rights are expressly granted herein.

Section 7.4 No Waiver of Right to Enforce Failure of County to insist, in any one or more instances, upon strict performance of any term or condition herein contained shall not be deemed a waiver or relinquishment of such term or condition, but the same shall remain in full force and effect. Acceptance by the County of any work or the payment of any fee or reimbursement due hereunder with or without knowledge of a breach of any term or condition hereof, shall not be deemed a waiver of any such breach and no waiver by the County of any provision hereof shall be implied.

Section 7.5 Conflicts of Interest The Agency shall use all reasonable means to avoid any conflict of interest with the County and shall immediately notify the County in the event of a conflict of interest. The Agency shall also use all reasonable means to avoid any appearance of impropriety.

Section 7.6 Authorized to Sign The person or persons signing this Contract on behalf of the Agency hereby represent that they are duly authorized to enter this Contract and to bind Agency to all terms and conditions set forth in this Contract and all attachments hereto.

Section 7.7 Mention of County/State Support. In any printed matter announcing or describing a service provided or supported by the Agency, or in any product such as a publication, book, catalog, films, videotape, exhibition, website, or similar product assisted under the terms of this agreement, the Agency shall prominently mention the Erie County Department of Senior Services, and the New York State Office for the Aging.

Section 7.8 Copyrightable Material. Where Agency projects supported in whole or in part by County and/or State assistance, produce original books, manuals, films, or other copyrightable material, the material cannot be copyrighted or sold without the written permission of the New York State Office for the Aging and the County of Erie. The Erie County Department of Senior Services reserves the royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, translate, or otherwise use, and to authorize others to publish and use such materials. Any income received by the Agency as royalties or otherwise earned by such copyrightable material shall be considered as Agency income. Such income shall reduce the County's obligation under this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article IV. Creation of all such material must be consistent with this contract and forwarded to the Erie County Department of Senior Services.

Section 7.9 Labor Agreements.

A.) The Agency shall provide to the Department the details of any existing labor agreement or Agency commitment for the provision of increases in personnel salaries or benefits. The County shall not reimburse the Agency for any expenditures pursuant to such labor agreement or Agency plan which exceed the line item budget provisions of the contract.

B.) The Agency shall notify the Department in advance of any pending negotiations with any organizations representing employees covered by this agreement with respect to terms and conditions of employment or of any Agency plan regarding such matters. Prior to any final settlement with any such organization or the implementation of any Agency plan, the Agency

shall notify the Department of the terms and conditions thereof. The Agency, in addition, shall provide the Department with copies of all collective bargaining agreements or Agency plan covering employees providing contract services.

Section 7.10 Limitation on Actions. No action shall lie or be maintained against the County upon any claim under this agreement or arising out of anything done in connection with this agreement, unless such actions shall be commenced within ninety (90) days from the termination date of this agreement.

Section 7.11 Headings. The headings in this agreement are inserted for convenience and reference only and shall not be used in any way to interpret this agreement.

Section 7.12 Mutual Cooperation. The Agency and the County recognize that in the performance of this contract, the greatest benefits will be derived by promoting the interest of both parties, and each of the parties does, therefore, enter into this contract with the intention of loyally cooperating with the other in carrying out the terms of this contract and in promoting the interests of the elderly.

Section 7.13 Other Services. The Agency shall report to the Department the receipt by the Agency of any grant or contract between the Agency and any other party which directly or indirectly affects the performance of the services in this contract. At no time shall the quantity or quality of services provided by the Agency under this agreement be adversely affected.

Section 7.14 Welfare to Work Initiative.
Erie County strongly encourages all not-for-profit agencies that contract with the County of Erie to participate in the community service component of the County's Welfare to Work Initiative. This program places qualified public assistance recipients in community service placements. Clients participating in this component must work in their respective community assignments as a condition for receipt of welfare benefits. An agency representative should contact: Erie County Department of Social Services, Employment and Training Programs, for additional information regarding this program.

Section 7.15 Notice Address. All notices to the County shall be addressed to the Commissioner, Erie County Department of Senior Services, Room 1329, Rath Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, New York 14202, and all notices to the Agency should be addressed to:

Supervisor Sheila M. Meegan
West Seneca Town Hall
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, New York 14224

Section 7.16 Non-discrimination The Agency: 1) shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status with respect to all employment decisions including, but not limited to recruitment, hiring upgrading, demotion, downgrading, transfer, training, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, layoff, termination, and all other

terms and conditions of employment; (2) shall not discriminate in the selection of subcontractors on the basis of the owner's partners or shareholders' race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status; and (3) shall state in all solicitations of advertisement for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or citizenship status or is an equal employment opportunity employer.

Section 7.17 Emergency Preparedness Plan In order to secure the well-being of clients receiving County-funded services provided by the Agency, as well as the staff and property of the Agency itself, the Agency shall prepare and have available for review by County personnel a comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan that details what actions are to be taken in the event of a natural or man-made disaster or emergency of whatever kind. To the extent possible, this Plan shall be coordinated with the overall master plan for emergencies in effect in the city, town or other municipality in which the Agency is located, as well as with Erie County's plan(s) for such emergencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The County of Erie and the Agency have caused this Agreement to be executed.

THE COUNTY OF ERIE

Town of West Seneca

By: _____
Name: Mark Poloncarz
Title: County Executive

By: _____
Name: Sheila M. Meegan
Title: Town Supervisor

Date: _____

Date: _____

Document #: _____

Transportation & Escort Services