

Memorandum

Office of the County Executive Michaelian Office Building

August 4, 2023

TO:

Hon, Vedat Gashi, Chair

Hon. Nancy Barr, Vice Chair

Hon. Jose Alvarado, Majority Leader Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minozity Leader

FROM:

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

RE:

Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: Bond Act & CBA -

BIT50 - AMS/CGI and RAC Upgrade.

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators August 7, 2023 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a CBA & Bond Act regarding the above referenced submission.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for August 4, 2023 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer County Executive

July 28, 2023

Westchester County Board of Legislators 800 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act to amend the current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment") as well as a related bond act ("Bond Act,") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue up to \$2,535,000 in bonds of the County to finance the following capital project:

BIT50 - American Management Systems ("AMS")/Conseillers en Gestion et Informatique ("CGI") Applications and Linux Real Application Cluster ("RAC") Upgrade ("BIT50").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for BIT50 by \$2,535,000. The current request will fund the additional functions to be added to this system, including, but not limited to time and leave management, overtime, personnel transactions forms, and automated W2 and 1099 processing in addition to a Help Desk supported by CGI personnel for Department users, for a period of three months, and additional training for end users.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$2,535,000, would finance the additional cost of software and implementation services for the County Department of Information Technology ("Department").

The Department has advised that AMS/CGI, which is the vendor for the County's Financial, Human Resource and Budget systems, informed the County that it is instituting a major systems renovation and will no longer support existing systems. BIT50 will fund the cost of the implementation services and related expenses for CGI/AMS to upgrade the County's systems to the new version and the purchase of data processing equipment and database software.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with prior components of BIT50 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

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Design is currently being undertaken by in-house staff and consultants and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2024. It is estimated that implementation will take eight months to complete.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, BIT50 may be classified as a "Type II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no environmental review is required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed BIT50 and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

Based on the importance of this capital project to the County, favorable action on the annexed proposed Acts is respectfully requested.

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George Latimer
County Executive

Attachments

HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester ("County") of an act, which, if adopted, will amend the County's current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adoption of a related bond act ("Bond Act") in the amount of \$2,535,000 prepared by the law firm Harris Beach PLLC to finance capital project BIT50 - American Management Systems ("AMS")/Conseillers en Gestion et Informatique ("CGI") Applications and Linux Real Application Cluster ("RAC") Upgrade ("BIT50").

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for BIT50 by \$2,535,000. The Department of Information Technology ("Department") has advised your Committee that the current request will fund the additional functions to be added to this system, including, but not limited to time and leave management, overtime, personnel transactions forms, and automated W2 and 1099 processing in addition to a Help Desk supported by CGI personnel for Department users, for a period of three months, and additional training for end users.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$2,535,000, would finance the additional cost of software and implementation services for the Department.

The Department has advised that AMS/ CGI, which is the vendor for the County's Financial, Human Resource and Budget systems, informed the County that it is instituting a major systems renovation and will no longer support existing systems. BIT50 will fund the cost of the implementation services and related expenses for CGI/AMS to upgrade the County's systems to the new version and the purchase of data processing equipment and database software.

Design is currently being undertaken by in-house staff and consultants and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2024. It is estimated that implementation will take eight months to complete.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with previous components of BIT50 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, BIT50 may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that the Planning Board has previously reviewed BIT50 and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act may only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should also be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County's Capital Budget and to adopt the Bond Act.

Dated:

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White Plains, New York

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

	:BIT50	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED	
	SECTION A - CAPITAL BU To Be Completed by		
X GENERAL FUND	Source of County Funds (check one):	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND Current Appropriations X Capital Budget Amendment	
	SECTION B - BONDING AU To Be Completed by		
Total Principal	\$ 2,535,000 PPU	10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.75%	
Anticipated An	nual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 295,243	
Total Debt Sen	vice (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 2,952,430	
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TO:

Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM

Assistant Commissioner

DATE:

July 26, 2023

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

BIT50 AMS/CGI APPLICATIONS AND LINUX RAC UPGRADE

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on

06-22-2023 (Unique ID: 2232)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- 617.5(c)(26): routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment;
- 617.5(c)(31): purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.

COMMENTS: None.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner



Department of Planning

432 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, NY 10601

To: The Westchester County Planning Board

From: Kelly Sheehan, Assistant Commissioner

Date: July 17, 2023

RE: Capital Budget Amendment -

BIT50 AMS/CGI APPLICATIONS AND LINUX RAC UPGRADE

The County Executive is requesting an amendment to the 2023 Capital Budget to modify the funding of the above project. Capital project BIT50 AMS/CGI Applications and Linux RAC Upgrade will fund the purchase of servers, software, associated equipment and services needed to upgrade Finance, HR and Budget systems.

A Capital Budget Amendment in the amount of \$2,535,000 is being requested to fund additional components being added to the system, including T&L management, overtime, personnel transaction forms, W2 and 1099 processing, and training and help desk services for users. This project was classified as a PL1 project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Planning Board in the 2020 Report on the Capital Project Requests adopted July 2, 2019.

There are no changes to the physical planning aspects of this project as reviewed by the Board; therefore, no further action by your Board is necessary.

cc: Blanca P. López, Acting Commissioner
David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

ACT No.	2023

An Act amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BIT50 AMS/CGI APPLICATIONS AND LINUX RAC UPGRADE

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2023		Revised 2023
	Appropriation	Change	Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$5,500,000	\$2,535,000	\$8,035,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2023 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$5,500,000	\$2,535,000	\$8,035,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0_
Total	\$5,500,000	\$2,535,000	\$8,035,000