


June 15, 2023

TO: Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair
Hon. Nancy Barr, Vice Chair
Hon. Christopher Johnson, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Bond Act – BIT54 –
Critical Communication Logging System Replacement '21-'25.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators June 20, 2023 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act (“Bond Act”) which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”) to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance a component of the following capital project: BIT54.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for June 20, 2023 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

June 15, 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 a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance a component of the following capital project:

BIT54 – Critical Communication Logging System Replacement (2021-2025) ("BIT54").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to purchase and install equipment, servers, data storage, software and services required to replace the existing "Eventide" and "VPI" Systems for the County's Department of Information Technology ("Department").

The Department has advised that the County captures and maintains recordings for the departments of Emergency Services, Public Safety, Social Services and Transportation. The County is required to maintain some of these recordings for up to twenty-one years. This requires recording on legacy environments that must be migrated to the latest solution in place. The software the County's recording system runs on (Microsoft Silverlight) is no longer supported by Microsoft. The company that provided the solution has since been sold to NICE, Inc. The Department is in the process of upgrading this system to the current NICE, Inc. product.

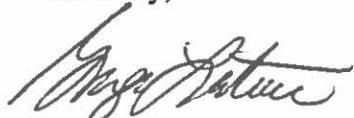
Design is currently being undertaken by in-house staff and consultants and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023. It is estimated that installation will take 24 months to complete.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized financing in connection with prior components of BIT54 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been 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 further environmental review is required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Latimer".

George Latimer
County Executive

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**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 a bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance a component of capital project BIT54 – Critical Communication Logging System Replacement (2021-2025) (“BIT54”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach, PLLC, will be used to purchase and install equipment, servers, data storage, software and services required to replace the existing "Eventide" and "VPI" Systems for the County’s Department of Information Technology (“Department”).

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, BIT54 has been 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 further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this conclusion.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BIT54

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

Current Appropriations

Capital Budget Amendment

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 1,000,000 PPU 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.78%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 116,641

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,166,410

Finance Department: Interest rates from June 13, 2023 Bond Buyer - ASBA

SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations
(describe in detail for current and next four years):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:

SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Donna Montera

Title: Dir of Admin Services

Department: Information Technology

Date: 6/13/23

Reviewed By:

DV 6/13/23


Budget Director

Date:

6/13/23

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: June 7, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BIT54 Critical Communication Logging System Replacement 2021-2025**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 05-17-2023 (Unique ID: 2221)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further 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)(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/dvw

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
Kelly Sheehan, Assistant Commissioner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CRITICAL COMMUNICATION LOGGING SYSTEM; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.

(Adopted , 20__)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER (the "County"), NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"), the Westchester County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$1,000,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of acquisition of equipment for the Critical Communication Logging System, including servers, data storage, software and services required; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as

amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the current year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated maximum cost of said objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$1,000,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,000,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the class of objects or purposes for which bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 25 of the Law, is ten (10) years.

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of \$1,000,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and

duties of the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. -20__ with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester on , 20__ and approved by the County Executive on , 20__.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators this day of , 20__.

(SEAL)

The Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the
County Board of Legislators
County of Westchester, New York

LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

ACT NO. _____-20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CRITICAL COMMUNICATION LOGGING SYSTEM; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted _____, 20__)

object or purpose: to finance the cost of acquisition of equipment for the Critical Communication Logging System, including servers, data storage, software and services required; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$1,000,000; ten (10) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County
Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:*

BIT54

CBA

Fact Sheet Date:*

05-02-2023

Fact Sheet Year:*

2023

Project Title:*

CRITICAL COMMUNICATION
LOGGING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
2021-2025

Legislative District ID:

Category*

BUILDINGS, LAND &
MISCELLANEOUS

Department:*

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CP Unique ID:

2221

Overall Project Description

This project will fund the procurement of equipment, servers, data storage, software and services required to replace the existing "Eventide" and "Calabrio Systems with a solution technologically able to meet and exceed the County's Critical Communication Logging Systems needs.

Best Management Practices

Energy Efficiencies

Infrastructure

Life Safety

Project Labor Agreement

Revenue

Security

Other

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Under Review
Gross	5,500	500	1,750	1,750	1,500	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	5,500	500	1,750	1,750	1,500	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 260

Current Bond Description: These funds will be used to purchase equipment, servers, data storage, software and services required to replace the existing "Eventide" and "VPI" Systems

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	1,000,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 1,000,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

1,000,000

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2021	250,000	FUNDS THIS PROJECT
2022	250,000	CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT
2023	1,750,000	CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT

Total Appropriation History:

2,250,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
21	39	250,000	250,000	REPLACE EXISITING EVENTIDE AND CALABRIO SYSTEMS- PURCHASES EQUIP AND RELATED
21	207	250,000	0	REPLACE EXISITING EVENTIDE AND CALABRIO SYSTEMS- PURCHASES EQUIP AND RELATED
23	14	750,000	0	CRITICAL COMMUNICATION LOGGING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT 2021-2025 (2063)

Total Financing History:

1,250,000

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
MLLL

Date
05-17-2023

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
05-17-2023

Budget Department
DEV9

Date
05-22-2023

Requesting Department
DDMK

Date
05-23-2023

CRITICAL COMMUNICATION LOGGING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT 2021-2025 (BIT54)

User Department : Information Technology
Managing Department(s) : Information Technology ;
Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Under Review
Gross	5,500	500	260	1,750	1,750	1,500			
Non County Share									
Total	5,500	500	260	1,750	1,750	1,500			

Project Description

This project will fund the procurement of equipment, servers, data storage, software and services required to replace the existing "Eventide" and "Calabrio Systems with a solution technologically able to meet and exceed the County's Critical Communication Logging Systems needs.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds the continuation of this project.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2023	1,750,000			1,750,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2021	250,000	Funds this project	IN PROGRESS
2022	250,000	Continuation of this project	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
Total	500,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	500,000	250,000	250,000
Total	500,000	250,000	250,000

Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
39 21	250,000	12/01/22	227,401	
		12/01/22	22,599	
207 21	250,000			250,000
Total	500,000		250,000	250,000