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TOWN/VILLAGE OF HARRISON
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

TO: Ronald Belmont, Supervisor and Members of the Town Board
FROM: Maureen MacKenzie, Comptroller
RE: New "Piggybacking" Law
Town Board Meeting of January 16, 2014
DATE: January 9, 2014

Attached please find documentation relating to the new "Piggybacking" Law-Exception to Competitive Bidding.

Municipalities in New York State are now allowed to purchase items and to contract for service's through the use of contracts let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein. In the past, we were only allowed to purchase off of a NYS contract. If there was no NYS contract and the amount of the purchase or service contract exceeded our purchasing threshold, we would have to go out to bid, which is both costly and time consuming.

I have attached a copy of the bulletin from the NYS Comptroller's Office for your review, along with documentation on the cooperative purchasing organization that I would like to register with in order to take advantage of this new policy. There is no cost to register or use the companies. It would require an approval by you via resolution at a town board meeting. Once approved, a procedure, which would include approval by the law department as to whether the procurement falls within the exception, would be instituted to insure compliance with the new law.

If you so choose, kindly adopt a resolution giving approval for our registration with Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), a subsidiary of The National Association Of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) and all subsidiaries of NASPO within the United States of America.

You have previously authorized our registration with National IPA and US Communities.

Respectfully submitted.