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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 10, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: County Wide Asbestos Abatement Monitoring and Testing

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Public Works recently advertised for asbestos abatement services for County-wide projects. After careful review of all qualification submittals, several firms were selected as having the necessary expertise, experience and manpower to provide the County of Erie with the service required. The firms selected are as follows:

Watt's Engineering
Empire GEO Services
Core Environmental
Stohl Environmental

Air sampling and asbestos abatement monitoring is required for all abatement projects in County owned facilities in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal standards including Code Rule 56. Legislature approval is necessary to contract with the selected contractors for asbestos monitoring services.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner John C. Loffredo at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark. C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: County Wide Asbestos Abatement Monitoring and Testing
Date: June 28, 2012

SUMMARY

The Commissioner of Public Works advertised services for the purpose of selecting one or more firms to provide environmental consulting services on various County projects. After reviewing the submittals received, firms were selected to provide said consulting services. The Commissioner of Public Works is, therefore, recommending that the Erie County Legislature authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with each of the selected firms.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved and adopted 2012 County Budget, SAP Project A.12003 – 2012 – County Wide Code & Environmental Compliance.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

Each of the firms selected has submitted evidence that they have the necessary expertise, experience and manpower to provide the necessary environmental consulting services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The environmental consulting services necessary include asbestos related air monitoring, surveys, and bulk sampling on various County projects. These services are necessary in order to implement new asbestos abatement programs and to continue previously initiated asbestos abatement programs.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the consulting contracts are not approved, a delay will be experienced in initiating new asbestos abatement programs, as well as bring to a halt previously established programs.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon legislative approval, contracts will be prepared and executed with each of the selection firms with the necessary consulting services being provided shortly thereafter.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

For proposed 2012 bonds, the proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Office of the Comptroller and is related to an authorized capital project for which there will be sufficient funding once the 2012 bonds are sold. This project is included in the agreed upon list of 2012 projects to advance.

~~LORNE H. STEINHART~~ Mike Szukala
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

File: (DPW.6.28.12.Countywide Asbestos Abatement)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: County Wide Asbestos Abatement
Monitoring and Testing

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Public Works desires to engage the services of Environmental Service Consultants in order to implement asbestos abatement monitoring and testing on various County projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works advertised for environmental consulting firms; and

WHEREAS, after careful review of each firm's capabilities, several firms were selected having the necessary expertise, experience, and manpower to provide the required services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with each of the following firms to provide Environmental Consulting Services on various County projects:

Watt's Architectural/Engineering – 95 Perry Street, Buffalo NY 14203
Empire GEO – 5167 South Park Avenue, Hamburg NY 14075
Core Environmental – 2312 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo NY 14221
Stohl Environmental – 4169 Allendale Parkway, Blasdell NY 14219

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of $200,000.00 be allocated for said environmental consulting service fees to be paid to the selected consultants; with a maximum contract value of $50,000.00 each, on a project-by-project basis with the amount of each project fee being determined by the Commissioner of Public Works; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project Account: A.12003 – 2012 – Countywide Code and Environmental Compliance; for a total amount not to exceed $200,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

TO: LORNE STEINHART, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST

CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT		COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5
1.	CONTRACTOR'S NAME	Watts Engineering Empire GEO Services Core Environmental Stohl Environmental
2.	AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	Not to exceed $50,000 each = $200,000
3.	PROJECT NUMBER	A.12003
4.	PROJECT TITLE	County Wide Asbestos Abatement Monitoring and Testing
		Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack #8824
5.	DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE		COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7
6.	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	$ * see below
7.	PERFORMED BY	Jackie Pulsifer

Date sent to Comptroller's Office: June 28, 2012

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* COMMENTS: There will be enough funding for the action proposed once the bonds are sold for 2012. This project was included in the agreed upon list of projects to cash advance prior to the bond sale.