



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 17, 2012

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

**Re: An Amendment to Comm. 13E-34
Erie Community College – North – Electrical Service Upgrade**

Dear Honorable Members:

On July 2, 2012, the Department of Public Works received bid proposals for the Erie Community College – North, Electrical Service Upgrade. The primary electrical service distribution network at the North Campus is original to the building from 1959 and in need of replacement.

This resolution is requesting authorization to allow the County Executive to enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder so the work can begin. Attached is a copy of the bid tabulations for your reference.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

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To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Erie Community College - North – Electrical Service Upgrade
Date: July 12, 2012

SUMMARY

The primary electrical service distribution network and equipment is over 50 years old and cannot provide sufficient electrical distribution throughout the campus for today's current peak demand loads, especially with all the electronic advancements since 1959, when ECC North campus was originally constructed. The inadequacies of existing electrical service does not allow for air conditioning of the classrooms, offices and labs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are currently available from the approved, as amended 2009 and 2010 Capital Budgets, SAP Accounts E.20903 – 2009 ECC Electrical Upgrades and E.21003 – 2010 – ECC Electrical Upgrades. New York State will reimburse Erie County for 50% of the total costs.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The existing electrical service and equipment distribution system is not able to keep up with the current electrical peak demand load. Without replacement of the 50 year old plus equipment, the campus is unable to expand its electrical technology and air condition the buildings. The existing primary electrical service is rated for 1,000 amps and is approaching 1,200 amps during warmer weather months.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The existing primary electrical service is 50 plus years old and is unable to handle current peak demand loads. National Grid has supplied information on the electrical services loads that demonstrate the existing equipment is incapable of handling any additional electrical loads from either new technologies or for air conditioning the buildings.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

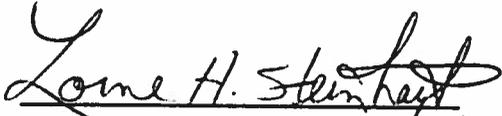
If the primary electrical system is not evaluated and replaced, the campus will not be able to support new technologies and air conditioning of the buildings. Eventually the overloading of the existing primary electrical system will fail and the campus will be without power.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder so the work can proceed.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.


LORNE-H. STEINHART 7/13/12

Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

- Availability of funds:
Project E. 20903: \$494,748.80
Project E. 21003: \$211,410.00
- Both projects are eligible for 50% reimbursement from New York state. Claims must be submitted in a timely manner to receive these reimbursements.

- LHS

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**RE: Erie Community College - North Campus
Primary Electrical Service Upgrade**

WHEREAS, the County of Erie received bids for the Erie Community College North - Electrical Service Upgrade on July 2, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works, along with the Engineer, is recommending award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder is Frey Electrical Construction Co. Inc.

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter in a General Architectural/Engineering services agreement with the firm of DiDonato Associates for providing professional design and construction document services on Erie County projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement Amendment to the firm of DiDonato Associates for providing design and construction document services for the transformer building design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Erie Community College - North - Electrical Service Upgrade as follows:

Electrical Construction Work

Frey Electric Construction Co. Inc.

Base Bid: \$1,043,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$ 100,000.00 be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive, to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute an Agreement Amendment with the firm of DiDonato Associates for providing professional design and services for transformer building design for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 including reimbursables; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP project account E.20903 – 2009 – ECC Electrical Upgrades for an amount of \$994,600.00 and E.21003 – 2010 – ECC Electrical Upgrades for an amount of \$163,400.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,158,000.00; 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, ECC Chief Financial Officer and the Office of the Comptroller.

TO: LORNE STEINHART, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

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PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 12 JUL 12 PM 3:40

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST

CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

- 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME Frey Electric Construction Co. Inc.
DiDonato Associates
Contingency Fund
- 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT \$1,043,000.00 - Frey Electric Construction
\$ 15,000.00 - DiDonato Associates
\$ 100,000.00 - Construction Contingency
- 3. PROJECT NUMBER E.21003 ECC Electrical Upgrades - *\$163,400*
E.20903 ECC Electrical Upgrades - *\$994,600*
- 4. PROJECT TITLE Erie Community College North Electrical
Service Upgrade
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
- 7. PERFORMED BY

E. 21003 - *\$211,410*
 E. 20903 - *\$494,748.80*
\$ Both projects are eligible for 50% reimbursement from NYS. Claims must be filed in a timely manner to receive reimbursements.
Cherie Pulsifer
July 12, 2012

Date sent to Comptroller's Office:

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