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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 5, 2012

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

RE: Emergency Bridge Design Program

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find attached a proposed resolution requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates to address emergency conditions along with yellow and red warning flags received from the New York State Department of Transportation concerning Erie County bridges and culverts.

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

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq
Erie County Executive

MCP/CD/cas

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works
Charles A. Sickler, P.E, Interim Deputy Commissioner-Highways

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works/Office of the Commissioner
Re: Erie County Department of Public Works – Division of Highways
Emergency Bridge Design Program
Date: September 17, 2012

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract for emergency bridge design construction management, technical services and construction inspection to Clough, Harbour & Associates to address emergency conditions along with yellow- and red-flagged conditions received from the New York State Department of Transportation on Erie County bridges.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Clough, Harbour & Associates contract will not exceed $130,175.00. An amount of Funding is available in the $128,079.96 will be from the Emergency Bridge Design, Fund SAP-B.00191.1, and $2,095.04 will be from the Preservation of Bridges and Culverts Design Fund SAP-B.11027.2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County receives notices of NYSDOT inspection reports citing Erie County bridge deficiencies as "yellow" and "red" flags which limit or restrict public access. DPW-Division of Highways is required to provide immediate response to sufficiently address bridge conditions.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The County has 294 bridges averaging approximately 50 years in age. The age and lack of resources for maintenance, repair and reconstruction of County bridges has precipitated the erosion of many County bridges thereby accounting for the numerous citations of yellow and red flags by the NYSDOT.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If these flagged conditions are not responded to in a reasonable time frame, access by the traveling public on the County bridges will be limited through load postings or closures based upon the severity of the condition. Not taking action will affect the health and safety of the traveling public, deter commerce travel and alter traffic flow for emergency vehicles, school buses, deliveries, trash pick-up and general motorists.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will execute a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates. Information from the engineering consultant will determine follow-up actions.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

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

Lorne Steinhart
Lorne Steinhart 9/20/2012
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

Availability of Funds:

Project	$Amt
B.00191	564,868.20
B.11027	2095.04

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File Copy (HGWY RESO 9-14-12 Emergency Bridge Design and Construction Program)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

RE: Emergency Bridge Design Program

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) perform annual and biannual inspections of County-owned bridges; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these inspections, Erie County was cited with yellow and red flags which restrict access to the traveling public and requires the County to respond to NYSDOT with a plan of action as soon as practicable; and

WHEREAS, your honorable body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a Term Agreement for providing professional engineering services via Comm. 14E-19 adopted July 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, determined that Clough, Harbour & Associates has the appropriate experience in design, construction management, technical services and construction inspection of bridges; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, to urgently respond to these cited County bridge deficiencies with bridge repairs and construction, Legislature approval is required to enter into a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates to perform this work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates for an amount not to exceed $130,175.00 with funding totaling $128,079.96 from the Emergency Bridge Design Program, SAP account B.00191.1, and funding totaling $2,095.04 coming from Preservation of Bridges and Culverts Design, SAP account B.11027.2; and be it further

RESOLVED, that five (5) certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller and the Division of Purchase.