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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 18, 2012

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

RE: Request to Utilize Capital Chargeback Account for South Campus Exterior Lighting Project

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum, a proposed Erie County Legislative resolution and an Erie Community College Board of Trustees approved resolution requesting approval for ECC to utilize $350,000 of its capital chargeback account to fund a South Campus exterior lighting project.

The College has identified a need to retrofit all exterior lighting (approximately 307 lights) including walkways, parking lots and roadways with state-of-the-art, LED, setback, motion detection lighting to enhance campus safety and security while saving the college energy consumption (anticipated decrease in kilowatt hour usage is over 400,000 per year at approximately $.08 KWH). Project payback is estimated at less than six (6) years without utilizing the capital chargeback account, less than three (3) years if utilized.

Approval of this resolution will allow ECC to submit claims to SUNY for state aid reimbursement at up to 50 percent of the project cost. <u>There are no Erie County funds involved in this request.</u>

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the attached. Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Erie Community College.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To:	Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From:	William D. Reuter, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer – Erie Community College
Re	Utilize ECC Capital Chargeback Funds for South Campus Exterior Lighting Capital Project
Date:	December 14, 2012

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the Erie County Legislature approve the attached proposed resolution approving up to $350,000 in college capital project expenditures involving Exterior Lighting retrofits at South Campus. The project involves retrofitting all exterior lighting fixtures along walkways and roadways and in parking lots with state-of-the-art, LED, setback, motion detection lighting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs incurred up to $350,000 for this project will be paid out of the ECC capital chargeback account. Approval of this resolution will allow capital project expenditures up to $350,000 to be eligible for 50% state aid reimbursement to ECC. No County funds are involved in this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMENDATION

Without an approved sponsor resolution, the College will be ineligible to submit the additional project expenditures for state aid reimbursement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ECC charges back all other New York State counties $300 in capital costs for each one of its full-time equivalent students who attend ECC during an academic year. This chargeback is placed in a college deferred revenue account to be utilized to pay for capital projects not funded by the local sponsor. A copy of the ECC Board of Trustees resolution approving the capital expenditures for this South Campus exterior lighting project is attached for information.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this resolution will result in the additional expenditures for this project not being eligible for 50% state aid reimbursement.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon project completion and payment, New York State will be invoiced for 50% of project costs. Certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, President of Erie Community College, the Chairman of the ECC Board of Trustees, SUNY, the Erie County Director of Budget, Management & Finance, and the Erie County Commissioner of Public Works.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RE: Utilize ECC Capital Chargeback Funds for
South Campus Exterior Lighting Capital Project

WHEREAS, Erie Community College has identified a need to retrofit all exterior lighting (approximately 307 lights) at its South Campus including all those, along roadways/walkways and located in parking lots with state-of-the-art, LED motion detection, setback lighting; and

WHEREAS, safety and security will be enhanced and the college will save on energy consumption and maintenance expenditures in future years, with an anticipated payback of less than six years on this project; and

WHEREAS, all costs incurred up to $350,000 for this project will be paid out of ECC's capital chargeback account without utilizing operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the project will not involve the expenditure of any county funds; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2012 the ECC Board of Trustees approved capital project expenditures of up to $350,000 involving the exterior lighting at South Campus to be funded by the Erie Community College Capital Chargeback Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature approves this project and the use of the college's chargeback account as a means to fund the project and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pending Erie County Legislative approval, such project costs incurred will be submitted to New York State for 50% state aid reimbursement, with such reimbursement being placed back into the college's capital chargeback account and, be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, President of Erie Community College, the Chairman of the ECC Board of Trustees and SUNY.