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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 18, 2012

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

Re: Erie County Toxicology Laboratory and Rath Building HVAC Equipment Purchases

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Public Works will be replacing HVAC equipment for the Erie County Toxicology Laboratory and the Rath Building. In order to facilitate completion of the project by May 2013, the Department of Public Works is bidding out the long delivery HVAC equipment through Purchasing.

The County Executive is requesting authorization to award a contract with the lowest responsible bidders to purchase the long delivery equipment now, so construction of the entire project be completed before the next year's air conditioning season.

Should your Honorable Body require any 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

Enclosure

cc: John C. Loffredo, Dept. of Public Works

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature

FROM: Department of Public Works

RE: Erie County Toxicology Laboratory and Rath Building HVAC Equipment Purchases

DATE: November 30, 2012

SUMMARY

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for the HVAC long delivery equipment for the Erie County Toxicology Laboratory for an amount not to exceed $225,000.00 and the Rath Building in an amount not to exceed $350,000.00. The installation of this equipment will be bid separately.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the projects are currently available from the approved, as amended 2012 Capital Budget, SAP Accounts A.12003-2012 Countywide Code & Environmental Compliance and A.12011 – 2012- Erie County Morgue & Toxicology Improvements.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

It is necessary that this approval be granted so that the contracts be awarded to allow the long delivery items to be purchased so the system can be up and running for the 2013 summer air conditioning season.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The original buildings were constructed in the early 1970's and have not been updated to current standards and building codes. The Erie County Toxicology Lab is without a proper environment to work in, and is constantly getting fumes from the morgue area. The Rath Building is currently without a back-up chiller. If the current chiller fails, there will be no air conditioning in the Rath Building. The County is also applying for a NYSERDA rebate for a portion of the equipment cost.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The HVAC systems are antiquated and way beyond their useful life. Building & Grounds personnel have implemented numerous repairs to keep the units running. The systems will not make it through another air conditioning season without proper ventilation and air conditioning. The buildings may have to be closed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidders for the purchase of the long lead HVAC equipment for the Erie County Toxicology Lab and the Rath Building.

COMPTROLLER'S 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

LORNE H. STEINHART 12/3/12
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Erie County Toxicology Laboratory and Rath Building HVAC Equipment Purchases

WHEREAS, the Rath Building and County Toxicology Lab buildings were constructed four decades ago and have not been updated to current standards and building codes; and

WHEREAS, the County Toxicology Lab is without a proper environment to work in, and is constantly getting fumes from the morgue area and the Rath Building is currently without a back-up chiller, in which case if the current chiller fails, there will be no air conditioning in the Rath Building, forcing the possible closure of the building; and

WHEREAS, the County is conducting a capital project to install new HVAC systems in both buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will be bidding the long lead delivery equipment through the Erie County Division of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to bid out the long delivery equipment so the project can be completed by May 2013, prior to the air conditioning season; and

WHEREAS, the original buildings were constructed in the early 1970's and have not been updated to current standards and building codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that to expedite the schedule the Erie County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to enter into a contract for the HVAC long delivery equipment items with the lowest responsible bidders for an amount not to exceed $225,000.00 for the Toxicology Laboratory and $350,000.00 for the Rath Building; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make all payments from the following SAP Accounts:

A.12011-2012 – Erie County Morgue & Toxicology Improvements	$225,000.00
A.12003-2012 – Countywide Code & Environmental Compliance	$350,000.00
for total amount not to exceed	$575,000.00

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 County Executive; the Office of the Comptroller; the Division of Budget and Management.