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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 4, 2013

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

RE: Erie County Home Decommissioning

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Medical Center Corporation (“ECMCC”) has relocated patients from the Erie County Home to the new long term care facility on the ECMC Campus and ECMCC is now in the process of moving its equipment from the former Home property.

The 2010 Settlement Agreement between the County and the ECMCC states that when the patients are moved the Erie County Home property transfers back to Erie County control. Because the property is now functionally vacant, the County requires certain architectural and engineering services to be conducted to decommission the Erie County Home buildings. During this process, building utilities, easements, mechanical and electrical shutdown, and building reuse will need to be examined. The attached resolution requests authorization to enter into an agreement with a consultant firm for this purpose.

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

Enclosure
MCP:jh/dab

cc: John C. Loffredo, Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Erie County Home Decommissioning
Date: January 9, 2013

SUMMARY

The Erie County Medical Center will be moving patients from the County Home to the new long term care facility on the ECMC Campus by February 15, 2013. The Settlement Agreement between the County and ECMC states that when the patients are moved the Erie County Home property transfers back to the County. Architectural and Engineering services are required to evaluate the decommissioning of the Erie County Home or to plan a reuse of the buildings.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are available from the 2012 previous approved, as amended, Capital Budget from SAP Project Account A.12005-2012-Countywide Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Improvements.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Building utilities, easements, mechanical and electrical systems need to be decommissioned and the building evaluated for possible reuse.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Decommissioning the Erie County Home will require evaluation of the buildings reuse or shut down. Switching utilities from ECMC to the County will be required. When the buildings are decommissioned, code compliance issues will be addressed.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

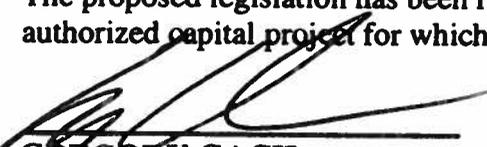
The abandoned buildings will not be code compliant and will deteriorate.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will enter into an Agreement Amendment with the firm of Hamilton, Houston Lownie Architects (HHL) for providing Mechanical/Engineering services.

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.


GREGORY GACH
Acting Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

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

RE: Erie County Home Decommissioning

WHEREAS, the Erie County Medical Center has relocated all from the Erie County Home to the new long term care facility on the ECMC Campus; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Settlement Agreement between the County and the ECMC states that when the patients are moved the Erie County Home property transfers back to County control; and

WHEREAS, the County needs certain architectural and engineering services to be performed in order to decommission the Erie County Home buildings and building utilities, easements, and mechanical, electrical shutdowns and building reuse need to be examined; and

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a General Architectural/Engineering services agreement with the firm of Hamilton, Houston Lownie Architects (HHL) for providing professional services on Erie County projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement Amendment to HHL for providing professional services for the former Erie County Home decommissioning project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the firm of Hamilton, Houston Lownie Architects (HHL) for providing professional services for the Erie County Home Decommissioning for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, including reimburseables; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for the above from SAP Project Account A.12005-2012-Countywide Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$40,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two (2) 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, Management and Finance, and the Office of the Comptroller.