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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 19, 2013

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

RE: Buffalo Niagara Convention Center – Ballroom Carpet Replacement and Miscellaneous Improvements

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is seeking your Honorable Body's authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the Architectural/Engineering firm of BHNT Architects for providing design and construction documents for the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center for Ballroom Carpet Replacement and Miscellaneous Improvements.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

13 MAR -6 AM 11:30

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Buffalo Niagara Convention Center – 2013- Ballroom Carpet Replacement
and Miscellaneous Improvements.
Date: March 6, 2013

SUMMARY

This resolution is seeking your Honorable Body's authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement Amendment for design and construction services with the Architectural/Engineering firm of BHNT Architects for the ballroom carpet replacement and miscellaneous improvements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for this project are available from the approved, as adopted, 2012 County Capital Budget, SAP project account A.12002-2012 Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Rehabilitation.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Ballroom carpet is continuously heaving and causing tripping problems. One area had to be temporarily repaired prior to the 2012 Auto and Home shows. Correcting the problem will eliminate possible law suits against the County.

During the 2010 renovations to the Exhibit Hall area, painting of the dividing air-wall, concrete columns and blocking out the high perimeter windows was eliminated due to budget constraints. The proposed work will address these items.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Consultant will prepare plans and specifications in accordance with all codes and regulations to correct these deficiencies. All work must be performed this summer during the lowest schedule of Convention Center use with the exception of the Ballroom carpet, which will be replaced in December 2013 due to the long lead of delivery of the carpet.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the Ballroom carpet is not replaced, additional buckling of the Ballroom carpet will continue with possible law suits to the County. Painting the air wall and concrete columns will enhance the new finishes in the Exhibit Hall. Blocking out the high bay windows will eliminate the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center personnel's need to manually insert black cardboard in the windows, which is a health and safety concern working off a lift.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will enter into an Agreement Amendment with the Architectural/Engineering firm of BHNT Architects for providing Architectural/Engineering services to provide the design and construction documents so work can commence.

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.



STEFAN MYCHAJLIW
Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

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

RE: Buffalo Niagara Convention Center – Ballroom Carpet Replacement and Miscellaneous Repairs

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a General Architectural/ Engineering Services Agreement with BHNT Architects for providing professional design and construction document services on Erie County projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization from your Honorable Body to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the Architectural/Engineering firm BHNT Architects for the replacement of the Ballroom carpet, painting of the Exhibit Hall air-door and concrete columns, and blocking out the high bay windows.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an Amendment Agreement with BHNT Architects for providing professional design and construction document services for the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center – Ballroom Carpet Replacement and Miscellaneous Repairs and Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller' Office be authorized to make payment for all of the above from SAP Project Account A.12002-2012 – Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Rehabilitation for an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works; and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive; the Office of the Comptroller; and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.

TO: STEFAN I. MICHAJLIW, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME BHNT Architects
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT \$30,000.00
3. PROJECT NUMBER A.12002
4. PROJECT TITLE 2012 -Buffalo Niagara Convention Center
Rehabilitation
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT Funding questions: Jeffrey Zack at 8824
Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

\$ 466,310

7. PERFORMED BY



Date sent to Comptroller's Office:

March 6, 2013

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