

February 8, 2011

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 2

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR RATH.
CHAIR MILLER-WILLIAMS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 2M-6 (2011)
BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL: "Letter to Legislature Concerning "City of Buffalo Support for War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration""
(5-0)
 - b. COMM. 3D-1 (2011)
COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Transmittal of New Claims Against EC"
(5-0)
2. COMM. 3E-11 (2011)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, this resolution authorizes the utilization of capital project funds for the development, purchase and implementation of an automated eligibility and client case management software application; and

WHEREAS, burgeoning Food Stamps and Medicaid caseloads coupled with current high volume increases in Temporary Assistance applications for traditional welfare benefits bring a special urgency to this request, as we anticipate these caseload trend increases will continue; and

WHEREAS, the Department issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this purpose and has selected a Microsoft application based on a comprehensive proposal presentation and review; and

WHEREAS, the system will include a front end rules engine component to automate and standardize benefits applications as well as a downstream process to perform task assignment, scheduling and referral. This will result in faster processing, reduced wait time and better customer service and will help the Department to meet established State deadlines for case determinations; and

WHEREAS, the amount of this capital purchase will be \$1,300,000, and this system will take advantage of previous years multi-million dollar investments in imaging and desktop hardware architecture currently in place in Department eligibility offices; and

WHEREAS, existing Capital Project funding is available and will be utilized. This Project is eligible for both federal and state reimbursement, thereby, reducing the local share to 31.35% of total project costs; and

WHEREAS, the request for proposal provision of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code was complied with and a summary of the process is included as Attachment A to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, there is no additional local share to this request and there is no fiscal impact to the Adopted 2011 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to contract with Microsoft in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000; funding for which is currently available in SAP Project A.00253, 04 Mainframe Application/Data Migration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office is authorized to make payment for all contractual expenses as outlined above from said project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the original capital project (A.00253 Mainframe Application /Data Migration and Integration) in 2004 did contemplate expenditures of this nature, however, if any inconsistencies in purpose exist this resolution hereby amends the description of the original capital project to include the services outlined herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, the Commissioner of Social Services, DISS – attention Chief Information Officer, the Erie County Comptroller, the County Attorney, and the Director of the Division of Budget and Management.
(5-0)

CHRISTINA W. BOVE
CHAIR