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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 19, 2011

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

RE: Support for Library – RFID Initiative

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting approval to waive receipt of efficiency grant savings associated with the Erie County Library implementation of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Project.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Gregory G. Gach, Director of Budget and Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Collins", is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Collins
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Office of the County Executive
Re: Support for Library – RFID Initiative
Date: April 19, 2011

SUMMARY

In December of 2008 the Library submitted an Efficiency Grant Application to the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority to allow the B&ECPL to implement Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to make library material handling more efficient. At the time of the award, the ECFA requested that a mechanism be set up to return some of the savings to Erie County. The Library Board of Trustees via Resolution 2009-5 directed that an annual payment to Erie County in the amount of \$250,000 be included in the Library's Budget beginning in 2010.

The Administration was, and is, supportive of the RFID initiative. Erie County always intended that the Library be the beneficiary of any savings realized from implementation and wishes to waive receipt of the annual \$250,000 payment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$250,000 annual savings realized from the RFID initiative over the next four years (\$1,000,000) otherwise directed to the County will be maintained by the Library to be reinvested in the Library's Re-Imagine Initiative or other areas as the Library Board of Trustees deems appropriate.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County wishes to memorialize their intent not to pursue payment from the Library of the \$250,000 annual payment due in connection with the RFID Efficiency Grant.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library will be required to remit \$250,000 annually for the next four years in connection with the RFID initiative and the savings generated will not be able to be returned to the Library.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The obligation of the Library to pay the County \$250,000 annually as a condition of the Efficiency Grant will be waived and they will be able to keep all savings generated as a result of the RFID initiative.

**Proposed Resolution Submitted By:
Office of the County Executive**

RE: Support for Library – RFID Initiative

WHEREAS, in December of 2008 the Library submitted an Efficiency Grant Application to the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (ECFSA) to fund the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library's (B&ECPL) implementation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to make library material handling more efficient; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the award, the ECFSA requested that a mechanism be set up to ensure that some of the savings be returned to Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the B&ECPL Board of Trustees via Resolution 2009-5 directed that an annual payment to Erie County in the amount of \$250,000 be included in the Library's Budget beginning in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Administration was, and is, supportive of the RFID initiative; and

WHEREAS, it is the County's desire that the B&ECPL be the beneficiary of any savings generated from implementation of the RFID Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the County supports reinvestment of those savings in the Library's Re-Imagine initiative or other areas as the Library Board of Trustees deems appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie County hereby expresses its intent to waive receipt of the annual \$250,000 payment; and that these monies are reinvested in Library initiatives as deemed appropriate by B&ECPL Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, the Director of Budget and Management, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.