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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 9, 2013

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

RE: Preservation of Bridges & Culverts Program

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates to address emergency conditions along with yellow and red warning flags received from the New York State Department of Transportation concerning Erie County bridges and culverts.

Should your Honorable Body require 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

Enclosure
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cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

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To: Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Preservation of Bridges & Culverts Program
Date: June 11, 2013

SUMMARY

This resolution is requesting that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract for emergency bridge design construction management, technical services and construction inspection to Clough, Harbour & Associates, to address emergency conditions along with yellow- and red-flagged conditions received from the New York State Department of Transportation ("NYSDOT") on Erie County bridges.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Clough, Harbour & Associates contract will not exceed \$150,000.00. Funding is available in the amount of \$150,000.00 from BA 123, Fund 420, Project B.13014, 2013 Preservation of Bridges and Culverts.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Erie County receives notices of NYSDOT inspection reports citing Erie County bridge deficiencies as "yellow" and "red" flags which limit or restrict public access. DPW-Division of Highways is required to provide immediate response to sufficiently address bridge conditions. In addition, design assistance is needed to develop rehabilitation plans to extend the life of the bridges.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The County has 294 bridges averaging approximately 50 years in age. The age and lack of resources for maintenance, repair and reconstruction of County bridges has precipitated the erosion of many County bridges thereby accounting for the numerous citations of yellow and red safety flags by the NYSDOT. In addition, the age accounts for our low-rated bridge items, so work on the bridges will extend the useful life and improve safety.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If these flagged conditions or low-rated items are not responded to in a reasonable time frame, access by the traveling public on the County bridges will be limited through load postings or closures based upon the severity of the condition. Not taking action will affect the health and safety of the traveling public, deter commerce travel and alter traffic flow for emergency vehicles, school buses, deliveries, trash pick-up and general motorists.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will execute a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates. Information from the engineering consultant will determine follow-up actions.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Office of the Comptroller and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



Gregory Gach
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

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File Copy (Preservation of Bridges & Culverts Program 2013-6-5)

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS**

RE: Preservation of Bridges & Culverts Program

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) perform annual and bi-annual inspections of County-owned bridges; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these inspections, Erie County may be cited with yellow and red safety flags which restrict access to the traveling public and requires the County to respond to NYSDOT with a plan of action as soon as practicable. In addition, repairs made to the bridges and culverts will extend the useful life; and

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a Term Agreement for providing professional engineering services via Comm. 14E-19 adopted July 17, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, determined that Clough, Harbour & Associates has the appropriate experience in design, construction management, technical services and construction inspection of bridges; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, to urgently respond to cited County bridge deficiencies with bridge repairs and construction, Legislature approval is required to enter into a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates to perform this work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 from BA123, Fund 420, SAP Project 2013 Preservation of Bridges and Culverts Design Program in order for Clough, Harbour & Associates to provide professional engineering services for bridges and culverts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that five (5) certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller and the Division of Purchase.

TO: GREGORY GACH, 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

Clough, Harbour & Associates

2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT

Not to exceed \$150,000.00

3. PROJECT NUMBER

B.13014

4. PROJECT TITLE

Emergency Bridge and Culvert Design Program

5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Funding questions: Charles A. Sickler, PE at 8372
Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

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7. PERFORMED BY

Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:

June 11, 2013

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