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COUNTY OF ERIE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING

TO: CHAIRMAN JOHN J. MILLS, Erie County Legislature;
CHAIRMAN STEPHEN BOYD, Erie Community College (ECC) Board of Trustees

FROM: THOMAS J. DEARING, Deputy Commissioner

DATE: June 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Bi-Monthly Report – ECC Academic Building

This document represents the fourth in a series of bi-monthly reports pertaining to the design and construction of the new academic building for Erie Community College (ECC). The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed on August 27, 2013 between ECC and Erie County provided for the preparation of such reports. The reports are distributed to the Erie County Legislature as well as the ECC Board of Trustees. Information describing previous work, scheduling, upcoming activity and other matters are described in this document.

- A. **PREVIOUS WORK:** The following activities have occurred since the previous report dated March 4, 2014.
1. Nine responses were received from various involved and interested agencies regarding the County's solicitation letter for SEQR lead agency designation. All were supportive of the County serving as lead agency and certain comments regarding infrastructure capacity at the North Campus accompanied the response letters. This information is being analyzed by Fisher Associates as part of the environmental work.
 2. A traffic impact analysis was conducted relative to the preferred location at ECC North. The data is undergoing final analysis by Fisher Associates.
 3. Upon the request of the New York State Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO), appropriate cultural resource surveys were conducted at the preferred ECC North Campus. On May 21, 2014 SHPO issued a No Impact letter. This reflects the State Agency's opinion that locating the building at the preferred location would have no impact upon cultural resources eligible for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places.

4. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Analysis was completed for the preferred location. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate whether current or historical activities on or near the subject property may have resulted in significant impacts by hazardous substances or petroleum products. The assessment revealed no evidence of recognized environmental conditions in connection with the subject property.
 5. A meeting was held on May 30, 2014 among DASNY, ECC, and County officials concerning the Project Architect Selection Process, Project Management Agreement, and future schedule.
 6. Final elements to the Supplemental Report which accompanies the State Environmental Quality Review evaluation and assessment forms are being prepared to include topics such as alternative location, infrastructure, and construction impacts.
 7. A Building Review Committee membership roster was finalized with initial meetings to occur upon engagement by DASNY of a project architect.
- B. SCHEDULE: Due to additional work necessary to complete the abovementioned supplemental report a target date for an environmental determination pursuant to SEQR requirements is late June, 2014. A Fall semester, 2017 opening remains on target.
- C. IMPORTANT MILESTONES / ACTIONS ANTICIPATED IN THE UPCOMING TWO MONTHS:
1. Erie County Legislative Action on SEQR determination
 2. Completion of the Final Draft Project Management Agreement among ECC, DASNY, and Erie County.

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