COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 16, 2014

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

Re: Clarence and Hamburg Highway Maintenance Facilities-2014-New Salt Storage Buildings

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Public Works will be receiving bids for the Clarence and Hamburg highway maintenance facilities salt storage buildings project during the Legislature's summer recess period. This resolution is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder so construction may proceed during the summer months.

This project will replace the existing wood frame structures constructed in the mid 1980's, which have deteriorated beyond repair, with new properly sized modern facilities with larger salt storage capabilities. This project is part of an on-going County effort to bring County facilities into compliance with the latest New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regulations.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Clarence and Hamburg Highway Maintenance Facilities-2014-New Salt Storage Buildings
Date: **June 16, 2014**

SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works will be receiving bids for the Clarence and Hamburg Highway Maintenance Facilities-2014-New Salt Storage Buildings project during the Legislature's summer recess period. This resolution is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder so construction may proceed during the summer months.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project in the amount of $500,000 are available from the approved, as adopted, 2014 Capital Budget Project – A.14003- 2014 Countywide Code and Environmental Compliance.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project is part of an on-going County effort to bring County facilities into compliance with the latest New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regulations. The aim of this project is to provide the facilities with safe and sustainable salt storage. The new facilities will have greater storage capacity so the County will not run out of salt during prolonged winter storms, thereby keeping the roads safe for motorists and emergency vehicles.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Salt is a strategic winter resource that has been used for decades as a major weapon in combating ice and snow. Today, nearly all agencies responsible for winter maintenance use salt as one of the major tools to protect lives and commerce. Proper storage must be provided to protect the salt from the elements and to protect the environment itself. The existing salt storage buildings have deteriorated beyond repair and need to be replaced to eliminate the possibility of contaminating streams, wells or groundwater with salt runoff.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If this project is not completed and further deterioration of the building occurs, the County will not be in compliance with DEC regulations for containing salt runoff and additional fines could be issued. This will also result in the closure of the facility and the reduction of the level of safety when traveling in inclement weather during the winter months.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Clarence & Hamburg Highway Maintenance Facilities- 2014- New Salt Storage Buildings project.

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.

GREGORY GACH
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

File: (BG.06.09.14 Clarence & Hamburg Maintenance Facilities- 2014- Salt Storage Building Improvements project.)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Clarence and Hamburg Highway
Maintenance Facilities-2014-New
Salt Storage Buildings

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will be receiving bids for the Clarence & Hamburg Highway Maintenance Facilities-2014-New Salt Storage Buildings during Legislative recess period; and

WHEREAS, the last Legislative meeting before summer recess will not allow for the normal award process of construction contracts after bids are received; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is seeking prior authorization to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder so the work can proceed during the summer months for a total contract, including construction contingency, not to exceed $500,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works will report to the Legislature the value of the contract awarded and to whom; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project Account: A.14003- 2014 Countywide Code and Environmental Compliance; for a total amount not to exceed $500,000.00; and be it further

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

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	Lowest Responsible Bidder- General Construction
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	Lowest Responsible Bidder (GC) $450,000.00 Contruction Contingency $ 50,000.00
3. PROJECT NUMBER	A.14003
4. PROJECT TITLE	Clarence & Hamburg Highway Maintenance Facilities 2014- Salt Storage Buildings
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack #8824 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE	COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7
6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	$ 1,100,000
7. PERFORMED BY	Don Urban

Date sent to Comptroller's Office: June 9, 2014

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OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER REVIEW **DATE:** 6-10-2014

PROJECT TITLE: A.14003 2014 COUNTYWIDE CODE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE (COUNTYWIDE)

1) IS THE REASON FOR THIS CONTRACT CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT: YES X NO ____

IF NO, RETURN THIS REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT

IF YES, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING VERIFICATION

2) PROJECT AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION

TOTAL PROJECT REVENUES	$ 0
TOTAL PROJECT APPROPRIATIONS	$ 1,100,000.00
LESS: TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	$ 0
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	$ 0
AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS AS OF DATE OF REQUEST	$ 0
LESS: CONTRACT AMOUNT:	500,000.00
NET AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS	$ 500,000.00

COMMENTS: **COMMENTS:** Legislature approved project A.14003 which has not yet been set up on SAP and bonds/premium of $1,100,000 is expected to be received in 2014.

REQUEST APPROVED: [signature]

REQUEST DENIED: ____

DATE: 6/10/14

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