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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

December 15, 2014

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

FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

**Re: November 2014 Winter "Knife" Snow Storm – County of Erie
Asset Damage Assessment – A/E Consultants**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into contract with multiple architectural/engineering firms for reviewing and establishing a list of County assets that received damage as a result of the November 2014 "Knife" snowstorm. The County assets to be reviewed would include, but not necessarily be limited to, buildings, roads, culverts, dams, guidrails and bridges.

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

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

ECG/ms

cc: John C. Loffredo, Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: November 2014 Winter "Knife" Snow Storm– County of Erie
Asset Damage Assessment – A/E Consultants
Date: December 15, 2014

SUMMARY

The November 2014 Winter "Knife" snowstorm caused damage to many of the County's assets including buildings, roads, bridges, culverts, dams and guiderails. FEMA has requested a list of all the County assets damaged as a direct result of the "Knife" snowstorm, including estimates of the damages incurred. The County has thirty (30) days to provide this information to FEMA. Since there are not sufficient resources within the County to provide this information to FEMA, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue Contract Amendments with multiple A/E firms to provide this information to FEMA within their required thirty (30) day period.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the consultant contracts is available from the Department of Public Works' operating budget, BA 122, Fund 251, cost center 12220, g/l account 516020 and BA 123, Fund 251, cost center 1231010, g/l account 516020. All funds expended by the consultants will be reimbursed to the County by FEMA upon the federal declaration.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

If the County cannot provide FEMA with a list of damaged County assets within the thirty (30) day requirement, then the County would be liable to pay for the repair costs on our own.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FEMA has requested that the County prepare a list of all damaged assets, along with an estimate of probable repair costs within thirty (30) days, in order to receive reimbursement from FEMA. The County does not have sufficient resources to provide this information to FEMA within thirty (30) days and is requesting the use of outside consulting A/E firms.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If a list of damaged assets is not prepared for FEMA within their thirty (30) day required time, then the County would be liable to pay for the repair costs using 100% County funds.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will execute a contract with the A/E consultants so the work can be immediately started.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: November 2014 Winter “Knife” Snow Storm – County of Erie
Asset Damage Assessment – A/E Consultants

WHEREAS, the November 2014 “Knife” snowstorm caused damage to County owned assets, such as, but not limited to roads, bridges, guiderails, buildings, culverts and dams; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has requested that the County provide a list of damaged assets along with an estimated repair cost within thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the County does not have sufficient resources within to provide this information to FEMA within their thirty (30) day requirement; and

WHEREAS, your honorable body has previously approved a list of A/E firms to provide Architectural/Engineering services on various County projects on an as-needed basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to enter into a contract with the following A/E firms for assessing the damaged County assets’ as follows:

Clark Patterson Lee	Not To Exceed	\$150,000.00
CHA Consulting	Not to Exceed	\$100,000.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to enter into a contract with the A/E firm of DiDonato Associates for assessing the County damaged buildings and for providing design and construction documents for repair to the Ralph Wilson Stadium’s Field House Wall and for replacing one of the primary electrical transformers on the electrical service to the stadium facilities, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller’s Office be authorized to make payment for DiDonato Associates’ Contract Amendment from the Department of Public Works’ operating budget, BA 122, Fund 251, cost center 12220, g/l account 516020 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, and to make payment to Clark Patterson Lee and CHA Consulting respectively, from BA 123, Fund 251, cost center 1231010, g/l account 516020 for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for Clark Patterson Lee and \$100,000.00 for CHA Consulting; and be it further

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