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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 5, 2015

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Emergency As Directed Bridge Services and Bridge Maintenance Design Program - Various Locations, Erie County**

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find attached a proposed resolution requesting authorization to enter into a contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. to provide services for Erie County bridges and culverts, including emergency conditions and design services related to annual Bridge Maintenance Program.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", written in a cursive style.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

MCP/cas/dab

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Member of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Public Works  
**Re:** Emergency As Directed Bridge Services and Bridge Maintenance Design Program  
**Date:** May 5, 2015

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### **SUMMARY**

It is recommended that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract for emergency bridge design, construction management, technical services, construction inspection, and Bridge Maintenance design (Project Nos. 5760.54/.55/.56) with CHA Consultants, Inc. to address emergency conditions along with conditions received from District Maintenance reports and taxpayers on Erie County bridges and culverts.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The CHA Consultants, Inc. contract will be negotiated in an amount not to exceed \$222,000.00. Funding is available in the amount of \$100,000.00, Fund 420, BA 123, SAP Account B.14019, 2014 Preservation of Bridges and Culverts and \$122,000.00 from Fund 420, BA 123, SAP Account B.14010, 2014 Bridges Preservation Design.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Erie County receives notices of NYSDOT inspection reports as well as from Maintenance Districts or citizen notifications of various bridge and culvert conditions which may limit or restrict public access. DPW-Division of Highways is required to provide immediate response to sufficiently address bridge conditions, or provide recommendations for rectifying the conditions.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The County has 294 bridges averaging approximately 50 years in age. Age, natural elements, and use have precipitated the deterioration of many County bridges thereby accounting for the numerous conditions affecting long-term preservation.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If conditions 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 suspend long term preservation measures.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The County Executive will execute a contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. 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 authorized capital projects for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.



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Gregory Gach  
Deputy Comptroller  
Comptroller's Office

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Emergency As Directed Bridge Services and Bridge Maintenance Design Program  
Various Locations, Erie County

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

WHEREAS, as a result of these inspections and taxpayer notifications, Erie County desires to respond to conditions which may restrict access to the traveling public with a plan of action as soon as practicable; and

WHEREAS, design services are necessary for the annual Bridge Maintenance Program Project Number 5760.54, 5760.55, and 5760.56; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a Term Agreement for providing professional engineering services via Comm. 13E-26 adopted July 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, determined that CHA Consultants, Inc. has the appropriate expertise and experience in bridge maintenance design, construction management, technical services and construction inspection of bridges; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, to respond to these cited County bridge deficiencies with appropriate action, Legislature approval is required to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. to perform this work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to execute a contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. for the heretofore required services in the amount of \$222,000, with \$100,000 being allocated from the 2014 Preservation of Bridges and Culverts Program, Fund 420, BA123, SAP Account B.14019.1, and \$122,000 being allocated from Bridge Preservation Design, Fund 420, BA123, SAP Account B.14010; 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

<u>REQUESTING DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5</u>
1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME	CHA Consultants, Inc. _____
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	\$222,000.00 _____
3. PROJECT NUMBER	SAP Fund B.14019 = \$100,000.00 SAP Fund B.14010 = \$122,000.00 _____
4. PROJECT TITLE	2014 Preservation of Bridges & Culverts 2014 Bridge Preservation Design _____
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Funding questions: Charles A. Sickler, PE at 8372 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301 _____
<u>COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE</u>	<u>COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7</u>
6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	<i>B 14019 100,000.00</i> <i>B 14010 \$ 142,900.00</i> _____
7. PERFORMED BY	<i>Stan Ullman</i> _____
Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:	April 28, 2015 _____

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