



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 28, 2015

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

RE: Authorization to Contract with nfrastructure Technologies, Inc.

Dear Honorable Members:

As part of the Department of Health's ongoing effort to improve efficiency and to comply with the stipulated settlement between Erie County and the United States Department of Justice, a request for proposals ("RFP") to customize, implement, and maintain a comprehensive electronic health record for the Division of Correctional Health was issued. Proposals were received from seven electronic health record vendors. Fusion Systems was awarded the contract and legislative consent was provided.

As part of this system, wireless devices including tablets and laptops will be utilized to record and store patient information, necessitating the installation of wireless routers to create a Wi-Fi network throughout the Correctional Facility and Holding Center. nfrastrucutre Technologies, Inc. is an authorized contractor off the New York State vendor list.

Should your Honorable Body have any questions, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP:bqs
Enclosure

cc: Health Commissioner Gale R. Burstein, MD

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to Contract with nrastructure Technologies, Inc.
Date: August 28, 2015

SUMMARY

Authorization is requested to enter into a contract with nrastructure Technologies, Inc. to provide Wi-Fi throughout county correctional facilities to enable the usage of an already purchased Electronic Health Record ("EHR").

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding is available in A.00334 – 2008 Upgrade to Health Records Module. Installation and hardware will cost no more than \$105,780.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Without Wi-Fi the Erie County Department of Health will be unable to roll-out our EHR, which is an absolute necessity in modern medicine. nfrastucure Technologies Inc. is a long established state contractor experienced in these types of projects.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

After approval from your Honorable Body last year, the Erie County Health Department entered into contract with Fusion Systems Inc. to provide an EHR. Information will be put into the EHR utilizing tablets and laptop computers, which will need wireless internet access to connect to the network and the EHR servers.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department of Health's Division of Correctional Health and the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division would continue to operate in separate digital silos.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will work with the Division of Budget and Management, the Purchasing Department, the Department of Information Support Services and the County Attorney to implement this request and execute a contract with nrastructure.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Correctional Health requires an electronic health record for the prisoners and inmates under the custody of the Erie County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, wireless network access is a critical requirement of the electronic health record; and

WHEREAS, Erie County's already purchased electronic health record cannot be rolled out with the deployment of a wireless network at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, nfrastucutre Technologies, Inc. is an approved New York State vendor, waiving the requirement for an RFP process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with nrastructure Technologies Inc. for the purposes of designing and installing a wireless network at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of this contract shall commence on September 21, 2015 through December 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, funding for this contract is hereby authorized and appropriated from SAP account A.00334 – 2008 Upgrade to Health Records Module in an initial amount totaling no more than \$105,780; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, the Department of Information Support Services and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.