

MEMORANDUM

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:

MICHAEL J. LoCURTO, Deputy Commissioner

DATE:

November 10, 2015

SUBJECT:

Bi-Monthly Report – ECC Academic Building

This document represents the tenth 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.
 - 1. New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) determined that the project has no adverse impact.
 - 2. Kideney Architects met with the faculty of the departments of Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Engineering Science. Input from faculty was considered for building design. Kideney also met with Security and IT departments to assess their respective needs.
 - 3. IBC completed a preliminary energy modeling study. This identified proposed energy systems and options for supplying utilities to the building.
 - 4. LEED certification critera was reviewed to determine what would be needed and was feasible to achieve at silver LEED rating.

- 5. Construction strategies were reviewed with ECDPW, engineers, and architects.
- 6. Kideney submitted a schematic report to ECDPW.
- 7. The building design was presented to the public on October 20, 2015 (see attachment).
- 8. An appeal seeking a reversal of the court ruling which dismissed, due to lack of standing, the petition filed by Turner, Giambra, Golombek was filed on July 14, 2015. It is expected that this will be argued in NYS Supreme Court-Appellate Division in early 2016.
- B. SCHEDULE: A Fall semester, 2017 opening remains on target.
- C. IMPORTANT MILESTONES / ACTIONS ANTICIPATED IN THE UPCOMING TWO MONTHS:
 - 1. A Building Review Committee Meeting will be held in the near future. The Committee includes representatives from both the Erie County Legislature as well as the ECC Board of Trustees.
 - 2. Following Bi-Monthly updates will be filed by the Department of Public Works.
 - 3. Arguments heard in NYS Supreme Court-Appellate division regarding item A(8) above.

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