



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 25, 2015

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

**Re: Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens – 2015 - Houses 2 and 3
Renovation**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens – 2015 – Houses 2 and 3 Renovation project. Bids were received by the Department of Public Works on January 22, 2015 and a copy of the bid tabulations are attached for your reference.

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,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP:eg/dab

cc: John C. Loffredo, Commissioner of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens – 2015 – Houses 2 and 3 Renovation
Date: February 25, 2015

SUMMARY

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens – 2015 – Houses 2 and 3 Renovation project, located at 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, New York. This project involves reconstruction of Houses 2 and 3; however only House 3 shall be reconstructed at this time due to a shortfall in funding.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved and adopted 2014, 2013, and 2004 capital budgets. The SAP project accounts are as follows:

A.14024 – 2014 Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Master Plan Implementation
A.13002 – 2013 Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Master Plan Implementation
A.00234 – 2004 Botanical Gardens Master Plan Construction

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The multi-phased master plan objective is to rehabilitate, reconstruct and restore the buildings at the Botanical Gardens to preserve their existence and function. Houses 2 and 3 were designed to be reconstructed in similar fashion to Houses 11 and 12. All of these buildings face the front of the facility and would improve the appearance of the Botanical Gardens, as well as correct and preserve the glass structures which are failing. Currently, House 3 is closed when wind velocities exceed 40 mph. The House 2 and 3 Reconstruction Package was bid out September 2014 however there were not enough funds available to award the entire project. After rebidding the project there are enough funds to reconstruct House 3 only, but not enough to include Alternate Number 1 for the work relative to reconstruction of House 2.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If renovations to these buildings are not made, the glass structures will continue to deteriorate to the point where they will be unsafe for the public and will have to be closed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will execute contracts with the lowest responsible bidders.

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

ECG/ms

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**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

RE: Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens – 2015 – Houses 2 and 3 Renovation

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received bids for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens-2015-Houses 2 and 3 Renovation on January 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, all of these buildings face the front of the facility and would improve the appearance of the Botanical Gardens, as well as correct and preserve the glass structures which are failing; and

WHEREAS, the House 2 and 3 Reconstruction Package was bid out September 2014, but there were insufficient funds available to award the project; and

WHEREAS, after rebidding the project, the Department of Public Works received lower bids for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2015 Houses 2 and 3 Renovation project on January 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works along with consultant Foit Albert Associates are recommending award of contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to enter into contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens 2015 Houses 2 and 3 Renovation project for an amount not to exceed as follows:

General Construction Work

Telco Construction	Base Bid:	\$2,332,700.00
House 3 - Refurbish Vestibule doors	Alternate No. 3 Bid:	\$ 9,300.00
House 3 - Ice Baffle Replacement	Alternate No. 4 Bid:	\$55,700.00
House 3 - Finial Replacement	Alternate No. 5 Bid:	<u>\$18,907.00</u>
Total General Construction Contract:		\$2,416,607.00

Electrical Construction Work

Goodwin Electric Corporation	Base Bid: \$	57,600.00
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Mechanical Construction Work

Quackenbush Co. Inc.	Base Bid: \$	<u>68,000.00</u>
Total Award of Construction Contracts		\$2,542,207.00

; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$470,791.52 be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP project accounts as follows:

A.14024 – 2014 Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Master Plan Implementation	\$2,000,000.00
A.13002 – 2013 Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Master Plan Implementation	\$718,272.45
A.00234 – 2004 Botanical Gardens <u>Master Plan Construction</u>	<u>\$294,726.07</u>
Total Amount Not To Exceed:	\$3,012,998.52

; 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, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry and the Office of the Comptroller.

Bid Tabulation Sheet

General Construction Work:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt #1	Alt #2	Alt #3	Alt #4	Alt #5
Telco Construction	\$2,332,700.00	\$679,000.00	\$63,470.00	\$9,300.00	\$55,700.00	\$18,907.00
Nichter Construction	\$2,474,000.00	\$574,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$16,000.00
Metro Contracting	\$2,850,000.00	\$616,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$25,000.00
Javen Construction	\$2,947,000.00	\$575,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$20,000.00
AAC Contracting Inc.	\$2,947,977.00	\$497,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$77,000.00	\$19,000.00

Electrical Construction Work:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt #1
Goodwin Electric	\$ 57,600.00	\$ 29,500.00
CIR Electric	\$ 57,925.00	\$ 30,000.00
M andM Electric Construction	\$ 59,490.00	\$ 36,500.00
South Buffalo Electric	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 28,250.00

Mechanical Construction Work:

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt #1
Quackenbush Co. Inc.	\$ 68,000.00	\$53,000.00
Greater Niagara Mechanical	\$ 92,300.00	\$15,700.00
D.V. Brown and Associates	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00

Department of Public Works
Office of the Commissioner

