COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

February 26, 2015

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

RE: Buffalo and Erie County Central Library – 2015 – New ADA Elevators

Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the firm of Hamilton, Houston, Lownie Architects (HHL) for providing Professional Design Services for the new elevators to be installed at the Buffalo and Erie County Central Library. The new elevators will replace the old escalators that continuously break down as many as three or four times a day. The new elevators will make all levels of the library building ADA accessible.

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.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP:jh/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 Central Library - 2015 – New ADA Elevators
Date: February 26, 2015

SUMMARY

The existing elevators at the Central Library building are original to the building and are over 50 years old, requiring constant maintenance and repairs. The elevators do not comply with ADA accessibility requirements. Currently, not all levels of the Library are ADA accessible. Installation of the new elevators will make all levels of the Library accessible. The new elevators will reduce operation and maintenance costs considerably.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are currently available from the approved, as amended, 2010 capital budget, SAP Project A.21013 – 2010 – Buffalo and Erie County Library – New ADA Compliant Elevators. A portion of the project will be funded by State aid.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Central Library building, located in downtown Buffalo on Broadway and Washington Streets, is not fully ADA accessible. The new elevators will make all levels of the Library ADA accessible. Removal of the old elevators will greatly reduce maintenance and repair costs and provide more space for library materials.

Funds were appropriated in the 2010 capital budget to install new ADA compliant elevators to provide accessibility to all levels of the Central Library. The Ellicott Street entrance was reconstructed to provide ADA accessibility to the building.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the new elevators are not installed, the Central Library building will not be ADA compliant and the County could be sued for non-compliance. The library maintenance staff will continue to provide costly maintenance and repairs.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will execute an Agreement with the firm of HHL Architects so the design work can proceed.

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

JH/dab

File Copy (bg.library.ada elevators)

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Buffalo and Erie County Central Library – 2015 – New ADA Elevators

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body has previously authorized Architectural/Engineering Term Agreements for several Architectural/Engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton, Houston, Lownie Architects (HHL) has submitted qualifications complying with the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Term Agreement and DPW is requesting this firm be added to the term list of Architectural/Engineering firms for providing professional Architectural/Engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the firm of HHL Architects to provide Professional A/E Design Services for the new elevators for the Buffalo and Erie County Central Library Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the firm of HHL Architects be added to the Department of Public Work's list of approved Architectural/Engineering Consultants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute an Agreement Amendment with the firm of HHL Architects for providing Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the Buffalo and Erie County Central Library – 2015 – New ADA Elevators Project for an amount not to exceed $155,000.00, including reimbursables and a design contingency; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project A.21013 – 2010 – Buffalo and Erie County Library – New ADA Compliant Elevators; and be it further

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

TO: LORNE STEINHART, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST
CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5
1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME	HHL Architects
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	Not to Exceed $155,000.00
3. PROJECT NUMBER	A.21013
4. PROJECT TITLE	Buffalo and Erie County Library – 2015 - New ADA Elevators
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack, PE at 8824 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE	COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7
6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	$2 774,426.96
7. PERFORMED BY	Don Urban
Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:	February 19, 2015

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