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## COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
May 11, 2016

Scott W. Kroll  
Deputy Comptroller-Audit  
Erie County Comptroller's Office  
95 Franklin Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Department of Public Works Building Systems Audit Request**

Dear Mr. Kroll:

I am responding to your May 4, 2016 letter concerning your intention to amend your scope for your audit of the backup procedures followed by the Division of Information and Support Services ("DISS"). In your letter, you stated that:

Our audit will now include reviewing services provided by the Department of Public Works (DPW). At a minimum, this will include our requesting and assessing information from DPW with respect to the building systems used and monitored for cooling and backup power. We may also request and review service contracts associated with these systems. These changes should have little or no impact on your staff.

DISS believes that given your audit objectives and focus on backup procedures under the control and oversight of DISS, there is no need for you to amend your DISS audit scope. Your new request clearly seeks to examine DPW issues such as redundant power and building systems (such as HVAC), which are not under the control of DISS nor related to backup procedures and systems utilized by DISS. These matters are clearly and distinctly different from your existing audit scope and have nothing to do with DISS, a fact that your own letter acknowledges.

Instead, I suggest that you contact DPW and initiate an audit or review concerning these issues within that department.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Breeden".

Michael C. Breeden  
Chief Information Officer

cc: John Loffredo, PE, Commissioner of Public Works  
Robert W. Keating, Director of Budget and Management  
Erie County Legislature