

SUSPENSION

A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY CHAIRMAN MILLS

RE: Selection of Firm to Conduct Annual Audit

WHEREAS, the contract for the audit of Erie County expires with the completion of the audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee for Erie County prepared and forwarded requests for proposal (RFP) to national and regional certified public accounting firms requesting proposals for the audits of the County for fiscal years 2016 through 2018, with an option to continue in year 2019 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee's RFP and evaluation of the responses was in full compliance with paragraph C. Section 1813 of the Erie County Charter; and

WHEREAS, the winning proposal is as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31	Audit of Financial Statements	Single Audit
2016	\$81,000	\$45,000
2017	\$82,500	\$46,000
2018	\$84,000	\$47,000

Prices of a "Due Diligence" letter will vary from \$2,500 through \$12,500; and

WHEREAS, that the independent accountant will audit the state required reports of the Mental Health and Health Departments at a per-report cost as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31	Mental Health	Health Department	Other Departments
2016	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$4,250
2017	\$4,350	\$4,350	\$4,350
2018	\$4,450	\$4,450	\$4,450

and

WHEREAS, the firm Drescher & Malecki LLP was the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the firm Drescher & Malecki LLP stated that they would change the lead auditor as needed, in order to offer a "fresh set of eyes" on the project; and

WHEREAS, the response from Drescher & Malecki LLP complied with all aspects of the Audit Committee's RFP.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract for the audit of Erie County's financial statements, to include the Federal Single Audit for fiscal years 2016 through 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract for the audit of Erie County's financial statements shall be paid from the Comptroller's dues and fees account and will be negotiated to select the lowest possible cost for each audit each year; and be it further

RESOLVED, and that such fees will also apply in the event that New York State assigns special reporting requirements to other County Departments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that should the County wish to extend the contract through the years 2019 and 2020, the fees agreed are as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31	Audit of Financial Statements	Single Audit
2019	\$86,000	\$48,500
2020	\$87,700	\$49,500

Prices of a "Due Diligence" letter will vary from \$2,500 through \$12,500; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the independent accountant will audit the state required reports of the Mental Health and Health Departments at a per-report cost as follows:

For the Year Ended December 31	Mental Health	Health Department	Other Departments
2019	\$4,550	\$4,550	\$4,550
2020	\$4,650	\$4,650	\$4,650

and be it further

RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be provided to the County Executive, Budget Director, Comptroller and County Attorney.