

SUSPENSION



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 31, 2016

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

RE: Authorization to contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc. – Immediate Consideration Requested

Dear Honorable Members:

As part of the Department of Health's Division of Emergency Services efforts to prepare the public for potential emergencies, authorization from your honorable body is request to enter into a contract with a developer of custom mobile preparedness applications. This vendor, QuickSeries Publishing, will develop a custom emergency preparedness application for Erie County which will include tools to help residents prepare for emergencies and provide them with real time information in the event of an emergency.

Funding for development is available from the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) Ebola Virus Response Grant, and ongoing funding is available from the Department of Emergency Services.

Should you have any questions, please contact Commissioner of Health Dr. Gale Burstein at 716-858-6976.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: Health Commissioner Gale R. Burstein, MD
Emergency Services Commissioner Daniel Neaverth Jr.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc.
Date: August 31, 2016

SUMMARY

Authorization is requested to enter into a contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc. to develop and support an emergency preparedness application for Erie County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Initial purchase of \$10,845.00. Annual recurring costs of \$4,985.00. Funding is available for this project within account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment within the Ebola Virus Disease Supplemental Grant (HS127EBOLA1516).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

With more and more Erie County residents relying upon mobile devices and tablets for daily communication and work, there is a growing need to reach out using non-traditional methods. The QuickSeries "EOC Ready" application provides a customized tool to assist and inform Erie County residents directly through their devices in the event of an emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County Department of Health and the Erie County Department of Emergency Services are always looking for new ways to prepare for public health emergencies and to enhance communication with the public in the event of an emergency. Several neighboring counties have recently purchased and provided positive feedback on the benefits of the 'EOC Ready' application. After doing significant additional research, ECDOH and Emergency Services found that the 'EOC Ready' app, is the only product of its kind that provides the mixture of services and capability need in an emergency preparedness application.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Erie County would not be able to take advantage of this useful technology, and the funding would be returned to New York State.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Health Department will work with the Division of Budget and Management, The Department of Emergency Services, the Comptroller's Office, the Division of Information and the County Attorney to implement this request.

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Division of Emergency Services and the Erie County Department of Emergency Services strive to provide Erie County residents with the tools and information they need to prepare for an emergency; and

WHEREAS, technological changes have made mobile platforms including smartphones and tablets increasingly ubiquitous parts of Erie County residents lives; and

WHEREAS, QuickSeries Publishing Incorporated's 'EOC Ready' app has a proven set of tools to help residents prepare for and respond to emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, 'EOC Ready' is the only app of its kind and will be custom built to Erie County's needs; and

WHEREAS September is officially "Emergency Preparedness Month"; and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this project within account 561410 Lab & Technical Equipment within the Ebola Virus Disease Supplemental Grant (HS127EBOLA1516).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with QuickSeries Publishing Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of this contract shall commence on September 1, 2016 through September 31, 2019 with the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as a sole source supplier the request for proposal is hereby waived for this contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, the Department of Emergency Service, the Division of Information and Support Services and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.