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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 8, 2016

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

Re: Commodity Flow Study – UB Research Foundation Contract

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with The Research Foundation for State of University of New York to conduct a Hazardous Materials Transport through Erie County Commodity Flow Study using funding from the FY 15 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant previously approved on 5/26/16 via Comm. 9E-12 (2016).

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Dan Neaverth Jr. at the Department of Emergency Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Commodity Flow Study – UB Research Foundation Contract
Date: September 8, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with The Research Foundation for State University of New York to conduct a Commodity Flow Study on Hazardous Material Transport through Erie County utilizing the FY 15 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant and county share previously approved in Comm. 9E-12 (2016), 5/26/16.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The only fiscal implication to the county's operating budget is the required local match to the FY 15 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant already approved in the above mentioned resolution. The contract is valued at \$17,000.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services sent out an RFP for this Commodity Flow study. The Research Foundation for State University of New York is the only agency to respond to the RFP. Therefore, Emergency Services would like to utilize them as the contractor to conduct the Hazardous Material Transportation Commodity Flow Study.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Emergency Services has received homeland security funds to assist the region in preparing for natural or man-made disasters. This study will inform the first responders as to what is being transported on rail lines through their communities. It will give them the knowledge to create training plans for their agencies should a disaster along the rail ever occur. It will also help Emergency Services and the first response agencies to create and update their plans to better prepare for a rail disaster.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without this Legislation the Department of Emergency Services will not be able to hire this contractor and meet the deliverable of the grant.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to hire the consultant to perform the study.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Commodity Flow Study – UB Research Foundation Contract

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has agreed to provide funding in federal assistance to continue the implementation of programs to enhance the ability of Erie County to manage emergency and disaster situations; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive needs authorization to enter into a contract for \$17,000 with The Research Foundation for State University of New York to conduct a Commodity Flow Study on Hazardous Material Transport through Erie County; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available in the previously approved FY 15 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program via Comm. 9E-12 (2016), 5/26/16, to cover the costs incurred for this study; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Emergency Services sent out an RFP for this Commodity Flow study and The Research Foundation for State University of New York is the only agency to respond to the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be managed by the Erie County Department of Emergency Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract with The Research Foundation for State University of New York, in the amount of \$17,000, to conduct a Commodity Flow Study on Hazardous Material Transport through Erie County. Funds are available in the Department of Emergency Services 2016 Budget, Fund 110, Professional Service Contract and Fees, Account 516020; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Personnel, the Department of Emergency Services c/o Melissa Calhoun, the County Comptroller, and the County Attorney.