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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 28, 2016

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

RE: Youth Detention Center –2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations - Phase 1

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting your Honorable Body's authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with the firm of Zaxis Architectural PC, for providing Professional A/E Design Services for the Youth Detention Facility – 2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations – Phase 1 project. The County desires to renovate the dorm rooms and toilet rooms in a wing of the Erie County Youth Detention Facility to improve health and safety of staff and youth within the facility.

This project involves upgrading the wall systems in the dorm rooms with institutional grade walls to prevent cavity penetration, toilet room upgrades to address mildew and paint peeling, and an alternate to include removal of the flooring throughout the dorm rooms and common area and replace with a single, monolithic flooring system.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact John C. Loffredo at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

cc: John c. Loffredo, Commissioner Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Youth Detention Center – 2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations – Phase 1
Date: October 28, 2016

SUMMARY

To improve the health and safety of staff and detained youth, the Department of Social Services has requested that the DPW renovate the housing units of the Youth Detention Facility. Upgrades are needed to the dorm rooms as original construction consists of commercial drywall. Some of the youth at the facility become violent and kick the walls causing damage, compromising security. Toilet rooms in the housing units require renovation to address moisture issues. The facility has been cited on many occasions by NYS Office of Child and family Services for mildew and peeling paint.

This resolution is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with the A/E firm of Zaxis Architectural, PC for professional design and construction administration services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved as adopted, 2016 Capital Budget Account SAP A.16036 – Youth Detention Project – Renovations to Secure Youth Detention Facility, Fund 410, BA 122.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The renovations are needed for the health and safety of staff and detained youth and reduce maintenance costs. Renovation is needed to prevent future citations and possible fines or closure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Youth Detention Facility was designed and built to encourage a culture of learning and rehabilitation. Efforts were made to use commercial grade building materials, as opposed to creating an institutional environment. Unfortunately years of high use with a population that has a tendency to be aggressive and violent has resulted in damage to the facility and creates health and safety concerns. NYS Office of Child and Family Services conducts regular site visits to review the physical conditions of the facility. On a repeated basis, the facility has been cited for peeling paint and mold in the bathrooms. Upgrades are also needed to the dorm rooms as impact resistant walls were not included in the original construction of the cells. Some of the youth at

the facility become violent and kick the walls causing damage and compromise to the security of the facility.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If the project is not completed the safety and security of the employees and detained youth will be compromised and excessive maintenance costs will continue. Further citations can be issued and possibly result in the facility being closed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will enter into an Agreement with the A/E firm of Zaxis Architectural, PC, so 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

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Youth Detention Facility–2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations - Phase 1

WHEREAS, to improve the health and safety of staff and detained youth within the Youth Detention Facility, the Department of Social Services has identified the need to renovate the housing units of the Youth Detention Facility; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Child and Family Services conducts regular site visits to review the physical condition of the facility and, on a repeated basis, has cited the facility for peeling paint and mold in the bathrooms; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement to Zaxis Architectural, PC for providing design, construction documents and construction administration services for the Youth Detention Facility – 2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to issue an Agreement to Zaxis Architectural, PC for providing professional A/E design, construction documents and construction administration services for the Youth Detention Facility – 2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovation, for an amount not to exceed $38,250.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project Account A.16036 – Social Services Renovations, Fund 410, BA 122 for an amount not to exceed $38,250.00; 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, Department of Social Services and the Office of the Comptroller.

TO: STEFAN MYCHAJLIW, 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.	CONSULTANT'S NAME	Zaxis Architectural PC
2.	AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	Not to Exceed $38,250.00
3.	PROJECT NUMBER	A.16036
4.	PROJECT TITLE	Youth Detention Facility -2016 Interior Housing Unit Renovations
		Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack #8824
5.	DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE		COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7
6.	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	$ 605,000.00
7.	PERFORMED BY	[illegible]

Date sent to Comptroller's Office: October 14, 2016

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