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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 8, 2016

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

Re: Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. Service Contract

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find an accompanying memorandum and proposed resolution from the Department of Emergency Services requesting authorization to utilize $5,400 from previously accepted Homeland Security funds and enter into a contract with Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. to conduct training for swift water rescue teams in Erie County.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/mc
Enclosure

cc: Dan Neaverth Jr., Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Emergency Services
Re: Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. Service Contract
Date: April 8, 2016

SUMMARY

The Department of Emergency Services is seeking to award Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc., a contract to conduct a swift water rescue training program utilizing funds from the FY15 Regional Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact on the county operating budget. Said contract is 100% reimbursed through the previously approved FY15 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Emergency Services will be allowed to hire this contractor to conduct one weekend of training classes: Swift water Rescue I for the Swift Water Rescue Teams in Erie County to be held on April 8-10, 2016. The Department of Emergency Services requested 3 quotes for this particular training and Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. responded as the lowest bidder.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Emergency Services has received homeland security funds to assist the region in preparing for natural or man-made disasters. This training will assist the first responders who do swift water response to be better prepared for a rescue in a natural or manmade disaster. Through previously approved funding and approved budgets these grants allow for training of the first responders, utilizing this contractor will assist the department in meeting deliverables of this grant.

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 this training and the first responders will be able to train.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

RE: Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. Service Contract

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the New York State 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 Erie County Legislature needs to authorize the County Executive to enter into a contract for $5,400 with Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. to conduct swift water training; and

WHEREAS, there is funding available in FY 15 Technical Rescue & Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program to cover the costs incurred for this training; 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 contract with Evans Emergency Equipment, Inc. to conduct swift water training in the amount of $5,400 from available funds and budget modifications from account 516020 in grant HS167TECHRESCUE1518; 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.