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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 8, 2016

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

RE: Emergency As Directed Bridge Services
Various Locations, Erie County

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find attached a proposed resolution requesting authorization to extend and add funds to a contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. which addresses Erie County bridges and culvert emergency conditions and design services related to the annual Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Programs.

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

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq
Erie County Executive

MCP/ds/dab

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Member of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Emergency As Directed Bridge Services and Bridge Maintenance Design Program
Date: April 8, 2016

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the County Executive be authorized to extend and add funds to an existing contract for emergency bridge design, technical/engineering services, construction management and inspection, and Bridge Maintenance design with CHA Consultants, Inc. through a Change Order. This contract addresses emergency conditions along with conditions received from District Maintenance reports and taxpayers on Erie County bridges and culverts. This extension is to provide the necessary engineering services for this year with the intent of an RFQ/RFP being issued later this fall for future services of this nature. The contract, originally awarded May 28, 2015 under Legislative Action: Comm.10E-18 (2015); extension Change Order is recommended for one year through March 31, 2017 in the amount of $207,244.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The CHA Consultants, Inc. contract will increase in the amount of $207,244. Funding is available in the amount of $207,244.00 Fund 420, BA 123, SAP Account B.13016, 2013 Capital Overlay Program (PAYGO).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Erie County receives notices of NYSDOT inspection reports as well as from Maintenance Districts or citizen notifications of various bridge and culvert conditions which may limit or restrict public access. DPW-Division of Highways is required to provide immediate response to sufficiently address bridge conditions, or provide recommendations for rectifying the conditions.

The County has 297 bridges averaging approximately 50 years in age and 473 small bridges. Age, natural elements, and use have precipitated the deterioration of many County bridges thereby accounting for the numerous conditions affecting long-term preservation.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If conditions are not responded to in a reasonable time frame, access by the traveling public on the County bridges will be limited through load postings or closures based upon the severity of the condition. Not taking action will suspend long term preservation measures.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will amend the existing contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. through a Change Order to extend and increase the Emergency Services contract through March 30, 2017. Information from the engineering consultant will determine DPW follow-up actions.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Office of the Comptroller and is related to authorized capital projects 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: Emergency As Directed Bridge Services and Bridge Maintenance Design Program
Various Locations, Erie County

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) perform annual and biannual inspections of County-owned bridges and culverts; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these inspections and taxpayer notifications, Erie County desires to respond to conditions which may restrict access to the traveling public with a plan of action as soon as practicable; and

WHEREAS, engineering and design services are necessary for the annual Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Program; and

WHEREAS, this extension and increased funding is a necessary measure being put in place until an RFQ/RFP can be issued at a later date this year for this type of service; and

WHEREAS, your honorable body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a Term Agreement for providing professional engineering services via Comm. 10E-18 adopted May 28,2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, determined that CHA Consultants, Inc. has the appropriate expertise and experience in emergency bridge design, technical/engineering services, construction management and inspection, and Bridge Maintenance design; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, to respond to these cited County bridge deficiencies with appropriate action, Legislature approval is required to authorize the County Executive to extend the existing contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. to perform this work through a Change Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to execute a Change Order to extend the existing contract with CHA Consultants, Inc. for one year for the required services and increase the funding in the amount of $207,244 from Fund 420, BA 123, SAP Account B.13016, 2013 Capital Overlay Program (PAYGO), and be it further

RESOLVED, that five (5) certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller and the Division of Purchase.

TO: GREGORY GACH, 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. CONTRACTOR'S NAME	CHA Consultants, Inc.
2. AMOUNT OF INCREASE	$207,244.00
3. PROJECT NUMBER	B.13016
4. PROJECT TITLE	2013 Capital Overlay Program (PAYGO)
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Funding questions: Charles A. Sickler, PE at 8372 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE	COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7
6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	$ 275,392.62
7. PERFORMED BY	JOE MIRABELLI
Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:	March 2, 2016

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