

May 5, 2016

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

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Award of Contract for Services for a Mobile Device Application.

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office pertaining to proposed professional services associated with a mobile device application.

The sheriff's office is requesting that your Honorable Body's approval of this resolution for services to facilitate the development and launching of the Erie County Sheriff's mobile app.

I kindly request the Erie County Legislature's consideration and approval at a meeting of your Honorable Body. Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

RE: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Award of Contract for Services for a mobile device application.

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to allow the County of Erie to enter into any necessary agreements with the TheSheriffApp.com for a mobile device application, development, and service. This mobile app will allow individuals who own a mobile device but have limited access to a computer and the internet to access services provided by the Erie County Sheriff's Office. Furthermore, the mobile app will aid in the sheriff's office battle against crime and the growing narcotics epidemic.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

The cost of the application and necessary services are covered by previously authorized funds in COMM. 11E-29 approved by the legislature on April 14, 2016.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

The legislature needs to authorize the County Executive and the Sheriff of Erie County to enter into an agreement between Erie County and TheSheriffsApp.com.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office would be unable to utilize approved appropriations.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

The selected development firm will be issued a Notice of Award and the Purchasing Department will initiate the process of executing contract documents. Also, certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, the County Attorney and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: Erie County Sheriff's Office – Award of Contract for Services for a mobile device application.

WHEREAS, with a population of nearly 1 million persons in Erie County, a mobile app will provide a new level of service to the community and improved two-way communication with the sheriff's office ; and

WHEREAS, the app will have numerous features which allow individuals with access to the internet only through mobile devices to check the status of an inmate, deposit funds into inmate accounts and access methods and providers of bail or bond; and

WHEREAS, this app has many features for up-to-the-minute alerts during emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, one of the key features will allow users who download the app to submit anonymous tips, with photos, about crimes and narcotic activity in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, TheSheriffApp.com provides the same services to multiple sheriff's offices throughout New York State which provides for similar training for agencies and ease of use for end users of the app; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Legislature to waive the RFP procedures and award this contract as a professional service based on the review and evaluation of received documentation and research into mobile device applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby waive the procedures provided for in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purpose of securing the services of TheSheriffApp.com to be retained as to provide development and hosting services associated with the mobile device application; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with TheSheriffApp.com for a period of one year at the prices stated in proposal; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature send certified copies to the Division of Budget and Management, the County Executive, the Erie County Comptroller, the Division of Purchase, the County Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.

SUSPENSION

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
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SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

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