

July 12, 2004

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR MARSHALL.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.
 - a.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 7E-6)
a. HOLT: Copy of Letter to County Executive Re: Joint Appointments to ECIDA. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - b.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 9M-14)
b. NFTA: Operating Budget Fiscal Year Ending 3/31/05 & 5 Year Capital Plan. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - c.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 15E-57)
c. HOLT: Letter to Legislator Schroeder Re: Proposed MBE & WBE Local Law. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - d.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 16D-5)
d. DPW: Copy of Letters to WNY Delegation of Federal & State Representatives Re: Tonawanda Creek Road. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - e.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 16D-10)
e. COUNTY ATTORNEY: Response to Request for List of Pre-Approved Architectural/Engineering Firms. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - f.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 16E-39)
f. COMPTROLLER: Letter to Chairman Holt Re: Comm. 15E-13 Ticor Building. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - g.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 16M-8)
g. THE EXOLON COMPANY: Position on the Potential Opening of the Former SGL Carbon Plant in Niagara Falls. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - h.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 16M-10)
h. NFTA: Minutes of Board Meeting Held 5/24/04. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

 - i.

Item	Page	-2004	(Comm. 16M-15)
i. NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM: Letter to Legislator Schroeder Re: Use of Ticor Building by Fourth Department of the Appellate Division. (4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.			

2. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 16E-26)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the firm of Trautman & Associates was engaged by Erie County to design the Erie County Main Library, Exterior Building Rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works directed Trautman & Associates to make various additions to the project construction documents during construction, and

WHEREAS, the additional design work was billed for on a time and material basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to issue Trautman & Associates a Supplemental Agreement in the amount of \$27,730, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that funding for this Supplemental Agreement shall be from Project A.00073, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this letter be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Office of the County Executive; one copy to the Division of Budget Management & Finance; one copy to the Office of the Comptroller; and one copy to the Erie County Public Library.

(4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.

3. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 16E-27)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received bids on May 27, 2004 for the Buffalo Convention Center Acoustically Treated Doors & Loading Dock Leveler Repair, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is recommending award to the lowest responsible bidders,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the County Executive be authorized to enter into the following contract for the Buffalo Convention Center:

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORK

Cloverbank Construction

Base Bid: \$54,330.00

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$15,000.00 be allocated to a construction contingency fund with authorization for the Commissioner of Public Works to approve change orders not to exceed the amount of the contingency, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the contingency account, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that additional architectural/engineering fees be allocated for additional services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for 2004 bid packages, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payments for all of the above from the 2003 Buffalo Convention Center, Project A.00078 in the amount of \$119,330.00, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Division of Budget Management & Finance; one copy to the Office of the County Executive; and one copy to the Office of the Comptroller.
(4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.

4. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 16E-28)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, engineering design services are required for the Erie County Home Fire Alarm System Modifications project, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Robson Woese, Inc., presently has a contract with the County of Erie to provide design services for various projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to issue a supplemental agreement to Robson Woese, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, including testing, reimbursables, and miscellaneous expenses relative to engineering design services required for the Erie County Home Fire Alarm System Modifications, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the \$20,000 fee allocation be taken from Project H.00004, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Office of the Commissioner; one copy to the Erie County Home; one copy to the Office of the County Executive; one copy to Budget Management & Finance; and one copy to the Office of the Comptroller.

(4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.

5. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 16E-35)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The County of Erie desires to participate in the retention and expansion of Elite Recovery in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The company desires to expand its collections operations, currently located in the City of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of the activity in Erie County will be the preferred alternative for new work which will promote the retention of approximately 20 existing jobs and the creation of approximately 75 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, The offer of job training for existing and new employees at the Erie County facilities was important to the decision by Elite Recovery to stay and grow in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The Empire State Development Corporation is expected to participate in funding in for this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, in amounts not to exceed a total of \$75,000, for the purpose of providing job skills training to existing and new employees of Elite Recovery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the source of these funds shall be \$75,000 re-appropriated in the Regional/Economic Development Fund in Cost Center 1335010, and these funds shall be transferred to Cost Center 1331010, Public Benefit Agencies – Economic Development, to be further designated as follows:

Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium for

Elite Recovery	\$75,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive, the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance; the Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the County Attorney.

(4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.

6. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 16E-37)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The County of Erie desires to participate in the retention and expansion of Definity Health Corporation in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The company desires to expand its health care administration operations; and

WHEREAS, The expansion of the activity in Erie County will be the preferred alternative for new work which will promote the retention of approximately 240 existing jobs and the creation of approximately 180 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, The offer of job training for existing and new employees at the Erie County facilities was important to the decision by Definity to stay and grow in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, The Empire State Development Corporation is expected to participate in funding in for this project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium, in amounts not to exceed a total of \$75,000, for the purpose of providing job skills training to existing and new employees of Definity Health Corporation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the source of these funds shall be \$75,000 re-appropriated in the Regional/Economic Development Fund in Cost Center 1335010, and these funds shall be transferred to Cost Center 1331010, Public Benefit Agencies – Economic Development, to be further designated as follows:

Buffalo and Erie County Workforce Development Consortium

Definity Health Corporation	\$75,000
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and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive, the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance; the Comptroller; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and the County Attorney.

(4-0) Legislator Marshall absent.

MARK J. F. SCHROEDER
CHAIRMAN