

October 9, 2014

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 12

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 19D-2 (2014)  
**COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING:** “Linwood-Allentown Preservation, LLC PILOT”  
(6-0)

b. COMM. 19M-2 (2014)  
**NFTA:** “Annual 17A Report”  
(6-0)

c. COMM. 19M-3 (2014)  
**NFTA:** “August 28, 2014 Board Minutes”  
(6-0)

2. INTRO. 19-3 (2014)  
**RATH, MILLS, LORIGO, DIXON, HARDWICK & MORTON**  
WHEREAS, the Historic Tax Credit (HTC) has created 2.4 million jobs, rehabilitated nearly 40,000 buildings, and stimulated more than \$109 billion in private investment; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative \$19.2 billion cost of the historic tax credits has generated \$24.4 billion in federal taxes, and the ensuing federal revenue from the projects facilitated by the credits; and

WHEREAS, New York State is a national leader in its use of the Historic Tax Credit; resulting in enhanced state tax revenues through economic activity, increased local revenues through rising property values and sales tax, and the preservation of the rich heritage of its communities; and

WHEREAS, the Creating American Prosperity through Preservation(CAPP) Act proposes strategic adjustments to the Historic Tax Credit that would generate even greater economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the CAPP Act would increase the Historic Tax Credit from 20 percent to 30 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for smaller projects and would also eliminate federal taxation of state historic tax credits, further catalyzing the effect of both credits; and

WHEREAS, the HTC with the CAPP Act enhancements could assist in 36 projects presently pending or planned in Buffalo, totaling more than \$83 million in projected capital investments for the city, in addition to facilitating more than \$1 billion in pending projects statewide; and

WHEREAS, there has been a movement by Congress to repeal the Historic Tax Credit; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Tax Credit deserves protection, and the benefits of further enhancement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body urges Congress to maintain the Historic Tax Credit, and further enhance the credit, with the passage of the CAPP Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Sen. Charles Schumer, Sen Kirsten Gillibrand, Rep. Chris Collins, Rep. Brian Higgins, and all other parties deemed necessary and proper.  
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3. COMM. 19E-5 (2014)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works received bids for the Old County Hall – 2014 - Exterior Lighting Upgrades project on August 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder is Weydman Electric, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works, along with Ram-Tech Engineers of Buffalo, P.C., are recommending award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Old County Hall – 2014 - Exterior Lighting Upgrades project for an amount not to exceed as follows:

Electrical Construction Work		
<u>Weydman Electric, Inc.</u>	<u>Base Bid:</u>	<u>\$197,800.00</u>
Total Award of Construction Contract:		\$197,800.00

;and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$12,000.00 be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP project accounts as follows:

A.00072 2003 Mechanical System Improvements	\$	451.69
A.11005 2011 Countywide Building & Facility Improvements	\$	31,639.55
A.12003 2012 Countywide Code and Environmental Compliance	\$	99,780.00
A.12005 2012 Countywide Mechanical Electrical & Plumbing Improvements	\$	5,565.99
A.13004 2013 Countywide Code and Environmental Compliance	\$	21,068.91
A.13006 2013 Countywide Mechanical Electrical & Plumbing Improvements	\$	51,293.86
For an Amount Not to Exceed:		\$209,800.00

;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, and the Office of the Comptroller.  
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4. **COMM. 19E-6 (2014)**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to capitalize on the County's proximity to the Canadian market and in particular the 5 million person Toronto Metro area, for the purposes of marketing Erie County as a location for investment; and

WHEREAS, New York State is also targeting the Canadian market and is opening a Canadian office and obtaining services for marketing in Canada; and

WHEREAS, New York State, through Empire State Development, has created and issued a Request for Proposals for services to market New York State in the Ontario region; and

WHEREAS, Empire State Development Corporation has received responses to its Request for Proposals, thoroughly vetted the proposals and selected a firm, PSD Global, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise has agreed to be a partner in this effort and work with all leads generated by this work of PSD Global, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Erie County desires to combine its Canadian marketing and attraction efforts with New York State to obtain the greatest return for investment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Erie and the County Executive, is authorized to enter into agreements with PSD Global, Inc., the State of New York, Empire State Development, Buffalo Niagara Enterprise or other entities as appropriate, in amounts not to exceed \$100,000, to obtain services for Erie County to market to and attract investment of Canadian companies to Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution takes effect from and after its date of adoption.

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive's Office; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; the Comptroller's Office; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning and the County Attorney.  
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**EDWARD A. RATH, III**  
**CHAIR**