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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION REQUESTED

RE: Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing and Improvements

Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting your Honorable Body's authorization to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the firm of Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects for providing Professional Design Services for the Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing and Improvements project. This is a continuation of an ongoing project to restore the exterior of Old County Hall and the Erie County Court Building.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

MARK C. POLONCARZ Erie County Executive

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature

From: Department of Public Works

Re: Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing and

Improvements

**Date:** January 18, 2012

#### **SUMMARY**

There has been an ongoing effort to restore and preserve the exterior portions of Old County Hall and the Erie County Court Building, including the roof and lead-coated copper metal roofing for the clock tower steeple. When the interior portions of the building renovations were completed in 2005, there were insufficient funds to restore and preserve the exterior portions of these historical buildings. Now that funds are available, the County Executive is seeking authorization from your honorable body to issue an Agreement Amendment to the firm of Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects to provide professional design services.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available from previously approved, as amended, 2009 capital budget, Project A.20919 – Court Facility Exterior Envelope, Waterproofing and Repairs.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

During the Courts Renovation Project, funds were eliminated for the exterior preservation of Old County Hall and the Erie County Court Building. Now that funds are available to restore these buildings, it is desirous to restore and preserve the exterior building envelopes to ensure the buildings will remain safe for occupancy and maintain the historical significance of Old County Hall.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Unified Court System in 1987 mandated that all Court facilities housing State Court judges must meet certain minimum building standards. In 2003 through 2005 the interior spaces of Old County Hall and the Erie County Court Building were restored and renovated to meet these standards. Due to budget constraints, the exterior portions of the building renovation program were eliminated. Funds have now become available to restore and preserve the exterior portions of these judicial buildings.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

If the exterior of the buildings are not restored and preserved, the existing stone will continue to deteriorate to the point where the buildings will be unsafe to house Courts and the public. There

would be an even greater burden to the taxpayers if the buildings had to be replaced at a cost of hundreds of million dollars.

#### STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

An Agreement Amendment will be executed with the firm of Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects so the design work can proceed.

#### **COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

LORNE H. STEINHART

Acting Comptroller Comptroller's Office Cashin Project: \$955, 175.68

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## A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing and Improvements

WHEREAS, your Honorable Body has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a General Architectural/Engineering Services Agreement with Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects for providing professional design services on Erie County projects; and

WHEREAS, Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects has the necessary expertise and manpower to perform the design services for the Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing and Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute an Agreement Amendment with the firm of Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects for providing Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for the Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing and Improvements Project for an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP Project A.20919 – 2009 – Court Facility Exterior Envelope, Waterproofing and Repairs for an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

TO:

#### LORNE STEINHART, 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	Lauer-Manguso & Associates Architects
2.	AMOUNT OF CONTRACT	Not to Exceed \$115,000.00
3.	PROJECT NUMBER	A.20919
4.	PROJECT TITLE	Old County Hall and Erie County Court Building Exterior Waterproofing
5.	DEPARTMENT CONTACT	Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack, PE at 8824 Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE		COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7
6.	AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS	\$
7.	PERFORMED BY	
Date Sent to Comptroller's Office:		January 18, 2012