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COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
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RE: Goodwill Industries - Employment Services Contract

Honorable Members:

According to Legislative Resolution #45 as contained on pages R-18 and R-19 of the 2012 Recommended Budget and as Adopted by the County Legislature, "the County Executive is authorized to transfer appropriations between specific provider agency amounts to reflect the Requests for Proposals recommendations with existing or newly established contract agencies." The County Executive is also required to "advise the Erie County Legislature of any transfer of appropriations between specific provider agencies within (10) days after such action has taken place."

The Department of Social Services conducted a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the provision of employment services as funded in the 2012 Adopted Budget. The two respondents to the RFP were Goodwill Industries and Greater Buffalo Works. Responses were reviewed and scored by a committee of Social Services staff, and an award based on the RFP is made to Goodwill Industries.

The Department has transferred appropriations from Greater Buffalo Works to Goodwill Industries in the 2012 Adopted Budget. Contract execution for employment services with Goodwill Industries in the amount of \$800,000 is underway. This letter constitutes notice of this action as required by the aforesaid budget resolution language.

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

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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