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MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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May 7, 2012

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

**RE: Department of Public Works
Buffalo & Erie County Central Library
2nd Floor West - Asbestos Abatement Project**

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution seeks your Honorable Body's authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the engineering firm of Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for Architectural/Engineering Services to provide the design and construction documents for an asbestos abatement project located at the Buffalo & Erie County Central Library.

The Library plans to renovate the west half of the second floor of the building. Currently this area is vacant and in order to facilitate future renovations, the asbestos containing materials must be removed prior to renovating the area.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner John C. Loffredo at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark. C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: John C. Loffredo, Department of Public Works

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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Buffalo & Erie County (Main) Library
2nd Floor West
Asbestos Abatement Project
Date: April 10, 2012

SUMMARY

This resolution is seeking your honorable body's authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement Amendment with the engineering firm of Watt's Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for providing Architectural/Engineering Services to provide the design and construction documents for an asbestos abatement project located at Buffalo & Erie County (Main) Library at 92-94 Clinton Street, 2nd Floor, west side.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved and adopted 2003 County Budget. The SAP project account is delineated as such:

F.00007 2003 Central Library Asbestos Abatement

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the abatement is to ensure that Erie County employees, visitors and the general public are protected from asbestos hazards. Once the asbestos containing materials have been removed, the project area can be renovated.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Until the mid 1980s there were many products used throughout the construction industry that contained asbestos. The current master plan for the main Library building calls for the second floor, west area to be renovated for new lease space. The Library staff has applied for a construction grant for renovating this area, but the asbestos must be abated from this area first.

The Consultant is to prepare plans and specifications for abatement of asbestos in the project area in accordance to all New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL), EPA and OSHA regulations. The project documents shall be developed by a NYSDOL certified Asbestos Project Designer and sealed and signed by a registered New York State design professional.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

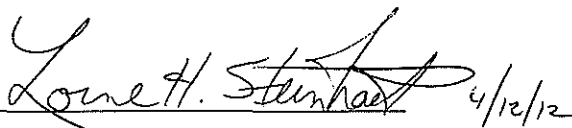
The objective of the project is to turn a vacant 26,000 square foot of space into revenue producing leased space. If this project is not completed then this space will continue to remain vacant and the building will not be utilized to its fullest potential.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The County Executive will enter into an Agreement Amendment with the engineering firm of Watt's Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for providing Architectural/Engineering Services to provide the design and construction documents so work can commence.

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 Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

CASH IN PROJECT: \$189,446.11

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Buffalo & Erie County Central Library
2nd Floor West - Asbestos Abatement Project

WHEREAS, the Library Board of Trustees has authorized the Library Director, in cooperation with the Erie County Department of Public Works to proceed with the asbestos abatement project on the second floor, west wing of the Buffalo and Erie County Central Library; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has previously authorized the County Executive to enter into a General Architectural/Engineering Services Agreement with Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for providing professional design and construction document services on Erie County projects; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to issue an Agreement Amendment to Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for providing design and construction documents services for an asbestos abatement project at the Erie County Central Library; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to issue an Agreement Amendment to Watts Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for providing professional design and construction document services for the asbestos abatement project at the Buffalo & Erie County Central Library for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and be further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from SAP project account F.00007 - 2003 Central Library Asbestos Abatement; 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, Kenneth Stone, CFO of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 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 Watt's Architecture & Engineering, P.C.

2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT Not to exceed \$25,000.00

3. PROJECT NUMBER F.00007 -2003- Central Library Asbestos

4. PROJECT TITLE Buffalo & Erie County (Main) Library-
2nd Floor West
Asbestos Abatement Project

Funding questions: Jeffrey P. Zack #8824

5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Letter pickup: Diane Bukowski at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

\$ 189,446.11

7. PERFORMED BY

Patricia Pulisier

Date sent to Comptroller's Office:

April 10, 2012

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