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# COUNTY OF ERIE

**MARK C. POLONCARZ**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 3, 2022

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**RE: Erie County Sewer District No. 3  
Engineer Term Contract Agreement  
O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., a Ramboll Company  
Work Order: RAM -5**

Dear Honorable Members:

Enclosed please find a memorandum from the Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management, for the issuance of a work order as authorized by the resolution passed by the Erie County Legislature on November 21, 2019, related to a 3-year Term Agreement.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Joseph Fiegl, P.E. in the Division of Sewerage Management. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.  
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

cc: J. Fiegl - Deputy Commissioner, Division of Sewerage Management

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Department of Environment and Planning  
**Re:** Erie County Sewer District No. 3  
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### **SUMMARY**

The Erie County Legislature is requested to receive and file this communication pertaining to the Department of Environment and Planning's issuance of a work order with O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., a Ramboll Company (Ramboll) for Erie County Sewer District (ECSD) No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.00.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The cost of the engineering work related to this communication will be paid from Capital Account No. C.21150 (American Rescue Plan funds).

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Division of Sewerage Management has issued a work order to Ramboll to provide the Southtowns Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility (AWTF) with the technical specifications, Phase 3 to convert two existing fluidized bed sewage sludge incinerators (SSIs) from operating on No. 2 fuel oil to operating on natural gas.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On November 21, 2019, the Erie County Legislature passed a resolution authorizing a 3-year Term Agreement with Ramboll for Engineering Services for small and/or time critical projects. At the time of the contract award, the Division of Sewerage Management committed to notifying the Honorable Legislature of each work order issued.

The Term Agreement was approved to provide the Division of Sewerage Management with engineering services required to complete various initiatives throughout the ECSDs. Under this Work Order, Ramboll will provide the Division of Sewerage Management with the technical specifications, Phase 3 to convert two existing fluidized bed SSIs from operating on No. 2 fuel oil to operating on natural gas. This project will be completed in multiple phases to implement the overall approach.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**


This is a receive and file item.

## **STEPS TO FOLLOW APPROVAL**

This is a receive and file item.

**COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW**

The proposed action 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.

Signed  Date 12/17/31  
Title Cheryl MekarSKI  
Deputy Comptroller

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