



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 6, 2022

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

RE: SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with the architectural firm Ashley McGraw Architects DPC for the SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements project. The County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary, Jr., at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/nt
Enclosure

cc: William E. Geary, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements
Date: May 6, 2022

SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with the architectural firm of Ashley McGraw Architects DPC for the SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements project, located at 6201 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221.

This project involves the classroom infrastructure improvements of (40) general classrooms and (1) lecture hall at Kittinger Hall, and (39) classrooms/labs and (3) lecture halls at Bretschger Hall. This will include upgrades to the furniture and fixed seating, interior wall, floor, ceiling and acoustical finishes, interior lighting, data/IT and AV and signage, upgrades of corridors into student lounges and collaborative study spaces, and other miscellaneous work to support current flexible learning and teaching approaches.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project, in an amount not to exceed \$550,000 including reimbursables and a design contingency, are currently available from the approved, as adopted Erie County Fund 480, Funds Center 122 capital budgets as follows:

E.14005	2014 ECC Classroom Renovation Improvement	\$465,809.27
E.16004	Erie Community College Infrastructure Improvements and Construction of South Campus Student Center (Collegewide)	\$ 84,190.73
For a Total Amount Not to Exceed		\$550,000.00

The County will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project will improve classroom utilization and increase student station sizes to a minimum of 22 sf per SUNY guidelines up to 28 sf per station to support active learning and contribute to the College's Comprehensive Academic and Facilities Master Plan. Active learning classrooms will be technology-rich with conferencing capabilities, sufficient power and data outlets for student use, and with moveable furnishings. Under-utilized spaces along corridors converted to student lounges, individual, and small group collaborative study spaces will create attractive and desirable spaces for students.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

JMZ Architects completed a Comprehensive Academic and Facilities Master Plan on September 2021 and noted that based on enrollment projections through 2028, the College has a surplus of classroom space particularly on the North Campus. It is recommended that some of this surplus be used to right-size existing classrooms to accommodate larger section sizes and facilitate active learning. Currently, the classrooms at the North Campus which are poorly utilized are tied to many factors: lack of technology, poor acoustics, uncomfortable temperature or poor sound separation from other spaces. JMZ Architects recommends that renovating classrooms is an important strategy for improving utilization.

The general classrooms, lecture halls, corridors, and student spaces at Bretschger and Kittinger Halls are original to the 1958/1967 construction; have outdated and worn finishes, and are in poor condition. The general classrooms have older desk/chair combination units with ceilings original to the buildings and non-energy efficient fluorescent lighting. The corridors are lined with underutilized lockers in many different colors, consist of a mish-mash of paint, glazed porcelain wall tile of various colors, and glazed block. Lecture halls where seat fill targets are rarely met, have worn carpeting and ceiling finishes, original perforated wood veneer sound panels are delaminating and peeling, fixed seating layouts are outdated and non-ADA compliant.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

If this approval is not obtained, classroom infrastructure and student common spaces at Bretschger and Kittinger Halls will remain outdated and inadequate, with technology shortcomings.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into a contract with Ashley McGraw Architects DPC for the SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements project.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

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



JOHN SOLECKI

Director of Accounting Services/Cash Management
Comptroller's Office

- E.14005 2014 ECC Classroom Renovation Improvement
- E.16004 Erie Community College – Infrastructure Improvements and Construction of
 South Campus Student Center (Collegewide)

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements

WHEREAS, the general classrooms, lecture halls, corridors, and student spaces at North Campus Bretschger and Kittinger Halls are original to the 1958/1967 construction, are poorly utilized due to outdated furnishings and configuration, lack of technology, and poor acoustics; and

WHEREAS, renovating classrooms is an important strategy for improving utilization, and will increase student station sizes to a minimum of 22 sf per SUNY guidelines to support active learning and contribute to the College's Comprehensive Academic and Facilities Master Plan by JMZ Architects, September 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie will receive 50% reimbursement from New York State for this project; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is requesting authorization to enter into an Agreement with Ashley McGraw Architects DPC to provide professional design and construction administration services for the SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an Agreement with Ashley McGraw Architects DPC to provide professional design and construction administration services for a total amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 including reimbursables and a design contingency, for the SUNY Erie Community College North Campus 2021 Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Comptroller's Office be authorized to make payment for all the above from the approved capital budgets, Fund 480, Funds Center 122, follows:

E.14005	2014 ECC Classroom Renovation Improvement	\$ 465,809.27
E.16004	2016 Erie Community College Infrastructure Improvements And Construction of South Campus Student Center (Collegewide)	\$ 84,190.73
For a Total Amount Not to Exceed		\$ 550,000.00

; 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, and one copy to SUNY Erie and Financial Officer.

TO: JOHN SOLECKI, 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

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| 1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME | <u>Ashley McGraw Architects DPC</u> |
| 2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT | <u>\$550,000</u> |
| 3. PROJECT NUMBER | <u>E.14005 \$465,809.27</u>
<u>E.16004 \$84,190.73</u> |
| 4. PROJECT TITLE | <u>Erie Community College North Campus 2021</u>
<u>Bretschger and Kittinger Halls Classroom</u>
<u>Infrastructure Improvements</u> |
| 5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT | <u>Funding questions: Kristofer Straus, PE at</u>
<u>x7294</u>
<u>Letter pickup: Christy Weber at x8301</u> |

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

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| 6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS | <u>\$1,134,590.74</u> |
| 7. PERFORMED BY | <u><i>Kristofer Straus</i></u> |
| Date Sent to Comptroller's Office: | <u>April 14, 2022</u> |

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ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
SUNY Erie North Campus 2021 B & K Halls Classroom Infrastructure Improvements
PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE RATINGS - SUMMARY

Proposer	Evaluation Criteria													Weighted Average Score (0 - 10)	Qualifications Ranking							
	Understanding of Work to be Done			Staff Experience / Qualifications			Firm Experience with Similar Projects, and Quality of Any Past Experience with County			Organization and Scheduling			Percentage of M/WBE Participation									
	Weight = 30%			Weight = 30%			Weight = 20%			Weight = 15%			Weight = 5%									
	Committee Member Raw Score (0 - 10)	Avg. Score		Committee Member Raw Score (0 - 10)	Avg. Score		Committee Member Raw Score (0 - 10)	Avg. Score		Committee Member Raw Score (0 - 10)	Avg. Score		Committee Member Raw Score (0 - 10)			Avg. Score						
#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3	#1	#2	#3								
Trautman Associates	10	7	7	8	9	6	7.67	7	9	5	7.33	5	6	5	5.33	10	10	5	8.33	7.38	4	
Mach Architecture	9	10	7	8.67	7	8	7.00	6	7	6	6.33	10	8	6	8.00	10	10	5	8.33	7.58	2	
Ashley McGraw Architects	9	8	7	8.00	9	6	8.00	10	10	6	8.67	10	6	6	7.33	10	10	5	8.33	8.05	1	
EI Team	6	6	7	6.33	6	5	5.67	6	5	4	5.00	10	6	5	7.00	10	10	5	8.33	6.07	8	
Passero Associates	9	7	7	7.67	7	9	7.67	8	8	6	7.33	10	6	6	7.33	10	9	6	8.33	7.58	2	
Capital Consultants Architecture & Engineering	9	8	7	8.00	9	6	6.67	10	6	5	7.00	10	6	5	7.00	10	10	5	8.33	7.27	5	
NK Bhandari Architecture & Engineering	9	5	7	8.33	7	8	6.67	6	5	4	5.00	10	8	5	7.67	10	10	5	8.33	7.07	6	
Kidney Architects	10	5	7	7.33	8	7	6.67	7	7	5	6.33	10	7	5	7.33	10	10	5	8.33	6.98	7	

It is my opinion in recommending Ashley McGraw Architects DPC, 125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, NY 13202. The Erie County Department of Public Works has complied with all applicable provisions of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code. Scoring sheets and other materials related to this matter are available for review at the Department of Public Works' office during regular business hours.

William E. Geary
 William E. Geary
 Commissioner of Public Works
 Date 5 April 2022

Maria R. Whyte
 Maria R. Whyte
 Deputy County Executive
 Date 4/12/22