

## **Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority**

### **Resolution No. 06 - 37**

WHEREAS, The Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”) was created by Chapter 182 of the Laws of 2005, as amended, to be a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York constituting a public benefit corporation to “oversee the County’s budget, financial and capital plans; to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to achieve budgetary savings and to finance short-term cash flow or capital needs; and, if necessary, to develop financial plans on behalf of the County if the County is unwilling or unable to take the required steps toward fiscal stability”; and

WHEREAS, the county provided this authority with a four-year financial plan in the fall of 2005, covering the years 2006-2009, and

WHEREAS, Section 3957.2.(f) of Chapter 182 mandates that the county’s “financial plan shall be regularly reexamined by authority in consultation with the county,” and

WHEREAS, this authority has fulfilled that responsibility at recent meetings by reviewing, on a point-by-point basis, the initiatives contained in the county’s four-year financial plan, and

WHEREAS, this review, conducted at public meetings, has revealed that many of the initiatives are not included in the county’s 2006 budget; have been dismissed as unworkable; or are producing savings or new revenues at an amount less than originally projected; and

WHEREAS, there are 85 initiatives in the four-year plan that have dollar implications for 2006; and

WHEREAS, 14 of those initiatives proposed additional spending for the county, and ten of those items have been implemented thus far; and

WHEREAS, of the remaining 71 initiatives, that involve savings or additional revenues, 35 are not included in the 2006 budget; 26 are in the budget; and 6 are producing less in savings or new revenues than expected; and

WHEREAS, of the 25 highest projected value initiatives that were anticipated for 2006, the 12 that are not in the budget, or are producing less value than expected, involve a total dollar value of \$10,756,000, and

WHEREAS, additional initiatives, not yet reviewed by the authority but anticipated to produce savings or additional revenues beginning in 2007, are valued at \$11,486,000, and

WHEREAS, the initiatives contained in the county’s four-year financial plan are cumulative, and thus initiatives that do not produce their projected value in the early years of the plan also have a negative effect on future years as well, and

WHEREAS, for these reasons it is appropriate for a modified four-year to be produced, and

WHEREAS, Section 3957.2(f) of Chapter 182 of the Laws of 2005 states that “the County Executive shall provide a modified financial plan in such detail and within such time periods as the authority may require.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA does hereby require the County Executive to provide this authority with a modified four-year financial plan updating all changes, additions, or deletions based on his assessment of initiative opportunities, and with the same level of detail provided to this authority in the fall of 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is required to provide this modified financial plan to this authority by no later than 12 noon, Tuesday, August 22, 2006 by delivery to the offices of the authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, the County Comptroller, the Chair, Majority Leader, Minority Leader and Clerk of the Erie County Legislature; and to the Governor, the State Comptroller; the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the Assembly.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Stanley J. Keysa  
Secretary

Date: July 26, 2006