

**Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority
Resolution No. 06-42, as amended**

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, Section 3957 (a) of Chapter 182 of the Public Authority Law of New York State maintains that the authority shall provide grants to the county for achieving savings through innovations and re-engineering;

WHEREAS, the county issued a proposal on June 28, 2006, requesting that ECFSA fund three cost-savings initiatives with efficiency grant funds;

WHEREAS, one of initiatives submitted within the proposal was for the release of \$169,000 in efficiency grant funding, to conduct a study entitled *Alternatives to Incarceration: Strategies for Success*, by the University of Buffalo Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth;

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that the *Alternatives to Incarceration: Strategies for Success* project --with particular focus on the relationship between Holding Center overcrowding and the use of electronic monitoring equipment-- will lead to both the development of re-engineering and efficiencies in the Erie County criminal justice system, as well as alleviating the overpopulation of the Erie County Holding Center, and that the funding of said project would be in the best interest of the citizens of Erie County;

WHEREAS, another of the initiatives submitted within the proposal was for \$500,000 in efficiency grant funding for the creation of a master plan to optimize the use of the 1.42 million square feet of office space currently used by Erie County, via a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”);

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that the optimization of Erie County office space through a master plan --with particular focus on the cost per square footage—will lead to the better utilization of space owned and leased by Erie County, and that the funding of said project is in the best interests of the citizens of Erie County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA does hereby release \$169,000 to Erie County, to be used for the sole purpose of contracting with the University at Buffalo's Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth to implement the project work-plan, *Alternatives to Incarceration: Strategies for Success*, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA does hereby request that Erie County resubmit its request to fund a space optimization master plan with the suggestion that Erie County: 1.) re-submit the proposal as a staged study with the first phase not to exceed \$250,000; 2.) provide details to ECFSA as to how the study will be accomplished; 3.) provide details to the ECFSA as to how success of the study will be measured; 4.) include a component within the study that measures space usage costs such as energy per square foot and janitorial costs per square foot; 5.) include a series of temporal and qualitative benchmarks that can be achieved during the study; 6.) include provision for the ECFSA to periodically review the progress being made on the study, as well as what benchmarks have been achieved and 7.) provide the ECFSA with the proposed Request for Qualifications to include the above mentioned modifications.

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.

Stanley J. Keysa
Secretary

Date: September 28, 2006