

Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority

Resolution No. 07-02

APPROVING AN EFFICIENCY GRANT FOR A MASTER PLAN FOR SPACE CONSOLIDATION AND RELOCATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 182 of the New York Laws of 2005 created the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority (“ECFSA”), to serve as a corporate governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of New York, and as a public benefit corporation to “oversee [Erie] 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, New York State Public Authorities Law (“Public Authorities Law”) section 3957-a provides that the ECFSA shall provide grants to the County of Erie (the “County”) for achieving savings through innovations and re-engineering; and

WHEREAS, the County, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, has submitted an application to the ECFSA, as amended by a letter dated November 28, 2006, for \$250,000 in efficiency grant funding for the creation of an *Erie County Master Plan for Space Consolidation and Relocation*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this application, the Department of Public Works will work with an architectural design firm, selected among respondents to a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”), to develop a master plan to optimize the use of the 1.42 million square feet of office space currently used by the County, via a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”); and

WHEREAS, the cost of the first phase of the development of this master plan will not exceed \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, the ECFSA anticipates that the optimization of 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 the County, and that the funding of this project is in the best interests of the citizens of Erie County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ECFSA hereby grants \$250,000 to the County, to be used solely for the creation of an *Erie County Master Plan for Space Consolidation and Relocation*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ECFSA Executive Director send, via first-class mail, copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Chair, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and the Clerk of the County Legislature; and the Governor, the Comptroller, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Speaker of the Assembly of the State of New York.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Stanley J. Keysa
Secretary

Date: January 11, 2007

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