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Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C. for Professional Design Services for the Fiber Optic Master Plan Project

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C. for professional design services in the amount of \$76,380 for the Fiber Optic Master Plan project.

The County's fiber optic system is comprised of over 360 miles of fiber optic cable and provides connectivity to virtually all County operations including Public Safety, Pure Waters, Information Systems, Real Property Services, Clerk's Office, Social Services, Transportation, Parks, and Sheriff's Office. Numerous initiatives at the state and local level have increased the need for reliable and sustainable municipal communications and data infrastructure, and may create a need for increased data conveyance capacity of the existing and future fiber optic systems. These include recent increases in interoperable communications and enhancements to regional first-responder communications, bail reform which creates the need for timely sharing of textual and graphical criminal justice data, increased use of high-resolution, real-time security cameras at municipal facilities, increased use of paperless billing and interagency payments, and intra- and inter-municipal sharing of data such as real property and tax data.

The Fiber Optic Master Plan Project includes professional engineering services for the development of a comprehensive Fiber Optic Master Plan related to the Public Safety Communications Network and connectivity of other municipal/governmental functions (i.e., public works, libraries, town/village halls) throughout Monroe County and immediately-adjacent counties, including design of expansion or improvements to the fiber optic, data, and communications systems throughout the County. The project shall encompass applicable federal, state, and local laws and industry best practices. This contract differs from the contract with Magellan Advisors, LLC for the Community Access Plan for High-Speed Internet recently approved by Your Honorable Body by Resolution 21 of 2022, because this project will focus only on public infrastructure necessary for County/municipal operations.

A Request for Proposals was issued, with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C. selected as the most qualified to perform these services.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C., 4 Commercial Street, Rochester, New York 14614 in the amount of \$76,380 for professional design services for the Fiber Optic Master Plan project, and any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital and operating fund(s) appropriation.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(24) ("information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action") and (27) ("conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract, consistent with authorized uses, is included in capital fund 1819 and the 2022 operating budget of the Department of Environmental Services, general fund 9001, funds center 8301010000, Engineering. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architect D.P.C, nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Daniel C. Bower, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher J. Bond, President/Treasurer
Greg J. Barr, Vice President
Benjamin J. Gustafson, Principal-in-Charge

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive