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

Subject: Amend Resolution 155 of 2021 to Extend the Time Period of the Contract with the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency and Authorize a Contract with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. for Professional Services for the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 155 of 2021 to extend the time period of the contract with the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency through October 31, 2026 and authorize a contract with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. in the amount of \$60,000 for professional consulting services for the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms at no additional cost.

Monroe County's last Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan was adopted over 20 years ago. An updated Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will be a blueprint that guides decision-making for the County, municipalities, landowners, farmers, farm support agencies and organizations, and business owners to ensure that farming continues as a way of life for Monroe County residents and that county residents can enjoy the benefits that come from having valuable, highly productive farmland within Monroe County. The Plan will focus on updating the County's 1999 Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan as well as developing a soil-to-table system approach to agriculture and farmland protection.

A Request for Proposals was issued for this contract and LaBella Associates, D.P.C. was the successful respondent.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Amend Resolution 155 of 2021 to extend the time period of the contract with the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency through October 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with LaBella Associates, D.P.C., 300 State Street, Suite 201, Rochester, NY 14614, in the amount of \$60,000 for professional consulting services for the Monroe County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan for the period of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, with the option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms at no additional cost.

Preparing the Plan is a Type II Actions 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.

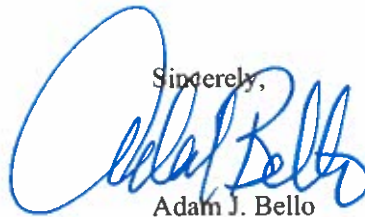
Funding for this contract is included in the 2023 operating budget of the Department of Planning & Development, general funds 9001 and 9300, Planning Services. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that LaBella Associates, D.P.C., nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firms are:

Steven Metzger, Chief Executive Officer
Jeffrey Roloson, President
Robert Pepe, Chief Financial Officer
Michael Winderl, Chief Operating Office

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

Sincerely,



Adam J. Bello
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