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

Subject: Authorize a Contract with Hadley Exhibits, Inc. for the Creation of the Frederick Douglass Legacy Commemoration Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with Hadley Exhibits, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$800,000 for the creation of the Frederick Douglass Legacy Commemoration Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport.

This project will include the creation of an immersive display/exhibit that includes multimedia components, displays, and related materials in accordance with the Frederick Douglass Legacy Initiative that will be located in the Viewing Area in the upper level non-secured area of the Airport Terminal.

The current Airport observation deck will be transformed into a state-of-the-art visitor experience to introduce Airport users to Frederick Douglass and the Rochester community that he called home. Historical documents and artifacts, various forms of art and technology will combine to create engaging participatory educational experiences for visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

A Request for Qualifications was issued for this contract and Hadley Exhibits, Inc. was the successful respondent.

This project will be funded 100% by the New York State 2022 Upstate Economic Development and Revitalization Program Grant.

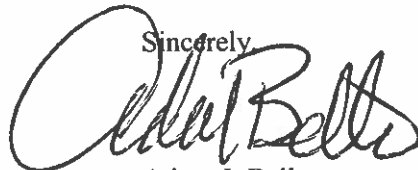
**The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract with Hadley Exhibits, Inc., 1700 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14207, for the creation of the Frederick Douglass Legacy Commemoration Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport in an amount not to exceed \$800,000, along with any amendments necessary to complete the project within the total capital fund(s) appropriation.**

This action is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) (“replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part;”) 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 2051 and any capital fund(s) created for the same intended purpose. No 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 Hadley Exhibits, Inc., nor its principal officer, Theodore K. Johnson, President and Owner, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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