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

Subject: Acceptance of a Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program and Authorize Contracts with Schneider Laboratories Global, Inc. and City of Rochester Property Owners

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in the amount of $3,270,000, and authorize contracts with Schneider Laboratories Global, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $39,595, and City of Rochester property owners, in a total amount not to exceed $2,970,000, for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, for the period of December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2017.

The purpose of this grant is to reduce the potential of exposures of young children to lead paint hazards by providing financial assistance to property owners through individual grant awards, for safe, effective lead hazard control activities. In addition, each housing unit will be evaluated for the need for healthy home improvements which will include assessments for moisture/mold; need for integrated pest management; fire, carbon monoxide safety; and general sanitation and housing safety issues such as adequate lighting. All necessary healthy home interventions will be addressed along with lead hazard control activities.

All lead hazard control activities will be conducted by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Lead Abatement firms that are in full compliance with current federal regulations governing lead hazard control activities. In an effort to increase the energy efficiency of units, this grant will also promote the use of Energy Star rated windows and doors. The grants, in an amount up to $11,000, will be given to property owners of housing in the City of Rochester for the remediation of approximately 270 housing units occupied or to be occupied by low and very low income tenants with young children. The property owners will not receive the grant until after they have met eligibility requirements and the work is completed.

The first Lead Hazard Control Grant Program successfully completed lead paint remediation from 72 dwelling units in December 2001, exceeding the Program’s goal by twenty percent (20%). The second Lead Hazard Control Grant Program successfully completed lead paint remediation from 395 dwelling units in September 2005, exceeding the Program’s goal by four percent (4%). The third Lead Hazard Control Grant Program successfully completed lead paint remediation from 439 dwelling units in September 2009, exceeding the Program’s goal by seven percent (7%). The fourth Lead Hazard Control Grant Program successfully completed lead paint remediation from 369 dwelling units in December 2012, exceeding the Program’s original goal by five percent (5%). In addition to lead hazard control, all “healthy home” hazards identified were also remediated in this grant.

Funds will provide for EPA certified renovation, repair and painting training for contractors and property owners who engage in maintenance of their own properties or who are interested in learning how to maintain a lead safe home. Funds will also be used to pay the salaries of a Public Health Sanitarian (75%) and an Office Clerk II (10%), travel, equipment, supplies, materials, and associated costs to run the program. This will be the fifth time the County has received such a grant. This funding represents a $200,000 increase from the last time the County received such a grant.
A request for proposals was issued and Schneider Laboratories Global, Inc. was selected as the most qualified to provide these services.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to accept a $3,270,000 grant from, and to execute a contract and any amendments thereto with, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, for the period of December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2017.

2. Amend the 2014 operating grant budget of the Department of Public Health by appropriating the sum of $3,270,000 into fund 9300, funds center 5806110000, Lead Program – County Support Component.

3. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute a contract, and any amendments thereto, with Schneider Laboratories Global, Inc., 2512 West Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23220, for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, in an amount not to exceed $39,595, for the period of December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2017.

4. Authorize the County Executive, or her designee, to execute contracts and any amendments thereto, with City of Rochester property owners for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program, in a total amount not to exceed $2,970,000, for the period of December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2017, as necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

5. Authorize the County Executive to appropriate any subsequent years of the grant award in accordance with the grant terms, to reappropriate any unencumbered balances during the grant period according to the grantor requirements, and to make any necessary funding modifications within the grant guidelines to meet contractual commitments.

6. Should funding of this program be modified or terminated for any reason, the County Executive is hereby authorized to terminate or modify the program and, where applicable, to terminate or abolish some or all positions funded under such program. Any termination or abolishment of positions shall be in accordance with New York State Civil Service Law and, when applicable, the terms of any labor agreement affecting such positions.

Environmental assessments were completed for this grant and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

This grant is 100% funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 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 Schneider Laboratories Global, Inc., nor any of its principal officers, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes. The principal officers of the firm are:

Najwa Abouzaki, President & CEO
Raja Abouzaki – VP/Corp. Lab Director
Tess Catlyn – VP/Bids & Contracts

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

Sincerely,

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

Subject: Enact a Local Law Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property on Brew Road Town of Riga, New York and Authorize the Transfer of Proceeds

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body enact a Local Law authorizing the sale of surplus lots consisting of 130 acres of unimproved land on Brew Road in the Town of Riga, having addresses of 30 Brew Rd, 60 Brew Road, 110 Brew Road, 190 Brew Road, 141 Brew Road, and 75 Brew Road, to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency for the sale price of $1,369,000, and authorize the transfer of proceeds.

This sale price of the surplus property is based upon the per acre valuation of land found in an independent appraisal performed by Pogel, Schubmehl & Ferrara, LLC on September 14, 2014.

County Law Section 215 requires adoption of a local law to authorize the sale of surplus property.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Schedule and hold a Public hearing on the proposed Local Law.

2. Enact a Local Law authorizing the County Executive, or her designee, to sell surplus lots consisting of 130 acres of unimproved land on Brew Road in the Town of Riga, having addresses of 30 Brew Rd, 60 Brew Road, 110 Brew Road, 190 Brew Road, 141 Brew Road, and 75 Brew Road, to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency for the sale price of $1,369,000.

3. Authorize the transfer of the proceeds of the sale from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the General Fund.

An environmental assessment was completed for the sale of the surplus property and it was determined that there would be no significant effect on the environment.

No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

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

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
County Executive
ENACTING A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED “AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ON BREW ROAD IN TOWN OF RIGA, NEW YORK TO COUNTY OF MONROE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND TRANSFER OF PROCEEDS”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. The County Executive, or her designee, is hereby authorized to sell surplus lots consisting of 130 acres of unimproved land on Brew Road in the Town of Riga, having addresses of 30 Brew Road, 60 Brew Road, 110 Brew Road, 190 Brew Road, 141 Brew Road, and 75 Brew Road, to the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency for the sale price of $1,369,000.

Section 2. The transfer of the proceeds of the sale from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund to the General Fund is hereby authorized.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law and the Monroe County Charter.

Agenda/Charter Committee; October 22, 2014 - CV:
Ways and Means Committee; October 22, 2014 - CV:
File No. 14-031211.

ADOPTION: Date: ________ Vote: ______

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

APPROVED. ________ VETOED: ________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ________________

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: _______________________________