



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 3, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Erie County Health Lab Building 17 - Water Service Upgrades

Dear Honorable Members:

This resolution is requesting authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders for the Plumbing Contract related to the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades Project. Plumbing construction bids were received by the Department of Public Works on July 23, 2026 and a copy of the bid tabulations are attached for your reference.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner William E. Geary, Jr., at the Department of Public Works. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark. C. Poloncarz, Esq.

Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

Cc: William E. Geary, Jr., Commissioner, Department of Public Works

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Public Works
Re: Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades
Date: September 3, 2026

SUMMARY

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is seeking authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidders for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades project, located at 503 Kensington Ave. The work includes replacement of the original water supply piping, water storage tanks, and booster pumps. Mechanical bids were received by the Department of Public Works on May 28, 2026. Sufficient funding was not available to award the Mechanical bid received at this bid opening and therefore, this project was re-bid on July 23, 2026 and received responsible bids for a reduced Plumbing Contract.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for the project are currently available from the approved Capital Budget, Funds Center 122, Fund 410, as follows:

A.22004 – DPW –EC Health Department Improvements to Building 17	\$ 163,484.60
A.24009 - Public Health Lab Renovations – AA, BB, and Building 17	\$ 80,115.40
Total	\$ 243,600.00

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

This project is necessary to allow the staff at Building 17 to control the flow of their main water supply. Existing valves have corroded beyond repair and do not allow for water flow into the building to be shutdown. The only working shutoff is currently located at the water main in the street. This project will also allow for the building to have a water supply during any potential water shutoffs due to the replacement and reconfiguration of the booster pumps and storage tanks.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Building 17 was originally built in the 1960s, the water piping remains from the original construction. The existing shutoff valves are inoperable due to their age. There are two existing water tanks that are also original to the original construction. The original hot water storage tank is out of service and has been empty for over a year. The original cold water storage tank has residue in it and is unable to be cleaned due to the opening's proximity to electrical panels. Since the building's main function is as a lab, water quality has a direct impact on daily tasks and accreditation.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

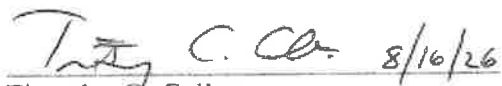
If this plumbing project is not completed, the quality of the Health Lab's water system will continue to deteriorate and the quality of the water used in the lab's testing will be at risk.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon Legislative approval, the County Executive will enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE REVIEW

The proposed legislation has been reviewed by the Comptroller's Office and is related to an authorized capital project for which there are sufficient appropriations for the action proposed.

 8/16/26

Timothy C. Callan
Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller's Office

A.22004 – DPW (Buildings and Grounds) –EC Health Department Improvements to Building 17
A.24009 – Public Health Lab Renovations – AA, BB, and Building 17

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A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RE: Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades

WHEREAS, the existing water system at the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 has significantly deteriorated since the time of its original installation, and a full system replacement is warranted to avoid any disruption to facility accreditations; and

WHEREAS, a lack of sufficient funding caused a change in project scope and rebidding of the original project; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works received Plumbing bids for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades project on July 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bidder, in accordance with General Municipal Law, for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades project is MKS Plumbing Corp; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Public Works, along with the Engineer of record for the project, is recommending award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder, MKS Plumbing Corp. for the Erie County Health Lab Building 17 – Water Service Upgrades for an amount not to exceed as follows:

<u>General Construction Work</u>		
MKS Plumbing Corp.	Base Bid:	\$ 43,000.00
	Alternate:	\$160,000.00
Total Award of Plumbing Construction Contract:		\$203,000.00

and it be further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for \$40,600.00 to be allocated to a Construction Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and it be further

RESOLVED, that deduct change orders will result in these funds being returned to the Construction Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Comptroller's Office to make payment for the above from Fund 410, Funds Center 122, as follows:

A.22004 – DPW – EC Health Department Improvements to Building 17	\$163,484.60
<u>A.24009 – Public Health Lab Renovations – AA, BB, and Building 17</u>	<u>\$ 80,115.40</u>
Total payment not to exceed	\$243,600.00

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any contingency funds that remain unspent will be returned to the capital budget as applicable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner's Office, and one copy each to the County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office and Division of Budget and Management.

TO: TIMOTHY C. CALLAN, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING RULE 55

CONTRACT APPROVAL CHECKLIST

CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN CAPITAL PROJECTS

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

COMPLETE ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5

1. CONTRACTOR'S NAME MKS Plumbing Corp
2. AMOUNT OF CONTRACT \$243,600.00
3. PROJECT NUMBER A.22004 - \$163,484.60
A.24009 - \$80,115.40
4. PROJECT TITLE EC Health Lab Bldg 17 Water Service Upgrades
5. DEPARTMENT CONTACT Funding questions: Tracy Cichocki x8572
Letter pickup: Christy Weber at 8301

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

COMPLETE ITEMS 6 AND 7

6. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS
7. PERFORMED BY

A.22004 \$ 177,008.69
S A.24009 \$ 484,620.17
Timmy Dorn

Date sent to Comptroller's Office: 08/17/2026

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
Unofficial Bid Results**

Project Name: ECMC Health Lab Water Service Upgrade

Bid Date: 07/23/2026

Project No.: ECDPW 2024-885-01 Re-Bid

Bid Time, Local: 10:00 A.M.

Bidder	Base Bid	Alt Bid-01
MKS	\$43,000.00	\$160,000.00
DV BROWN	\$27,175.00	\$205,100.00
MLP	\$56,600.00	\$251,000.00
JW DANFORTH	\$58,800.00	\$373,800.00
NUMARCO	\$42,800.00	\$197,000.00
WILLETT	\$57,000.00	\$179,000.00