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NOVEMBER 22, 2019

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November 22, 2019

Board of Legislators
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

Dear Honorable Members:

I am in receipt of three requests for the Board of Legislators to help support community organizations. I am forwarding to you a transfer of funds for three requests that were submitted. The first request is to provide financial support to the South Rome Senior Center for repairs to the facility. The second request is for the Rome Humane Society for the purchase of portable air purification units. The third request is to provide financial support to the Oneida County Volunteer Fireman’s Association for the Annual Robert Kohlbrenner Children’s Fire & Life Safety Expo.

I therefore request your Board approval for the following 2019 fund transfers:

TO:
AA# A6414.495 - Oneida County Regional Assistance .................................................. $10,000

FROM:
AA# A1998. 9 - Budget/Special Items – Contingent .................................................. $10,000

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Fiorini
Chairman
Board of Legislators
November 22, 2019

Board of Legislators
800 Park Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Honorable Members:

During the year it became evident the security system at Cornell Cooperative building was in disrepair. To insure all the assets in the building were protected the security system has been replaced. This expenditure was not anticipated for nor was it budgeted but due to the critical nature the project was completed in Capital Project H-473 Comprehensive Building Improvement Phase – 4. I would like to reimburse Capital Project H-473 for this unfunded expenditure.

I therefore request your Board approve the following 2019 fund transfer:

TO:

AA# A9950.9 Transfer To Capital Fund................................. $ 33,000

FROM:

AA# A1998.9 Budget / Special items - Contingent............... $ 33,000

Thank you for kind attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

Gerald Fiorini
Chairman.
Board of Legislators
November 22, 2019

County Board of Legislators
800 Park Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Honorable Members:

As discussed in the previous legislation, the legislature has voted to reimburse Capital Project H – 473 Comprehensive Building – Phase 4. With the approval of the previous legislation, the Board of Legislature has to approve amending Capital Project H – 473 in order for it to receive the additional funding.

I therefore request your Board’s approval of amending Capital Project H-473 –Comprehensive Building Phase 4 as follows:

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Thank you for the Board’s kind attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

Gerald Fiorini
Chairman
Board of Legislators
ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

RESOLUTION NO. 19-403

INTRODUCED BY: Mr. Fiorini

2ND BY:

WAYS & MEANS

RE: RESOLUTION CHANGING THE VENUE FOR BOARD OF LEGISLATORS MEETINGS FOR 2018-2019 DUE TO THE COMPLETION OF THE 10TH FLOOR RENOVATION

WHEREAS, Due to the completion of the renovation of the 10th Floor of the Oneida County Office Building, it is the recommendation of Chairman Gerald J. Fiorini, that the Board of Legislators change the venue of their regularly scheduled meetings, now, therefore, be it hereby RESOLVED, That the regularly scheduled meetings of the Oneida County Board of Legislators shall be held in the Russell Williams Legislative Chamber, 10th Floor of the Oneida County Office Building., and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to make publication of such change of venue, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the change of venue shall begin with the December 18, 2019 meeting.

APPROVED: Ways & Means Committee ()

DATED: November 27, 2019

Adopted by the following vote:
AYES NAYS ABSENT
November 20, 2019

Board of Legislators
800 Park Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

WAYS & MEANS

Honorable Members:

In order to bring the position of Deputy Clerk of the Board of Legislators in line with Deputy Positions throughout the County, I am asking this Board to reallocate the Grade from a M25 to a M31. I respectfully request that you consider this resolution at the November 27, 2019 Board meeting.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Gerald J. Fiorini
Chairman
November 18, 2019

Honorable Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive
800 Park Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Mr. Picente:

I am forwarding a copy of a Revocable Permit for Non-Commercial Use of University Facilities between Oneida County, through its Department of Mental Health, and the State University of New York at SUNY Polytechnic Institute for your review and signature. If this meets with your approval please forward this to the Board of Legislators for further action.

The Agreement allows the County to utilize SUNY Poly facilities to host the Oneida County Opioid Task Force Kick-Off Summit on December 4, 2019. The total cost for the use of the facilities is $1,260.00.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this request. I would be pleased to respond to any questions or concerns you might have with regard to this permit.

Respectfully,

Robin E. O'Brien
Commissioner

REO/ts
Encs.
Oneida Co. Department: Mental Health

Competing Proposal
Only Respondent
Sole Source RFP
Other: X

ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD
OF LEGISLATORS

Name & Address of Vendor: State University of New York at
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
100 Seymour Road
Utica, NY 13502

Title of Activity or Service: Revocable Permit for Non-Commercial Use of University
Facilities

Proposed Dates of Operation: December 4, 2019

Client Population/Number to be Served: Oneida County Opioid Task Force

Summary Statements
1) Narrative Description of Proposed Services
Use of SUNY Polytechnic Institute’s Utica campus facilities (Student Center
Multipurpose Rooms 1&2) and catering (light refreshments) for Oneida County Opioid
Task Force Kick-Off Summit to be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 9:30
AM to 12:30 PM.

2) Program/Service Objectives and Outcomes:
   Conduct Opioid Task Force Kick-Off Summit.

3) Program Design and Staffing (N/A)

Total Funding Requested: $1,260.00

Account # A4310.495147

Oneida County Dept. Funding Recommendation: $1,260.00

Proposed Funding Sources (Federal $/ State $/County $): $1,260.00

Cost Per Client Served: (N/A)

Past Performance Data: (N/A)

O.C. Department Staff Comments: (N/A)
Dear County Executive:

On November 13, 2019, the Board of Legislators, approved resolutions #345 – 348 establishing the $1 million in funding for the flood victims. The thought process when the resolutions were written was to establish two different capital projects to distribute the funds. This process has been reconsidered and the funds that will be distributed to the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties Inc. will be done in one payment instead of several.

In order to incorporate this new strategy into the 2019 budget a new piece of legislation must be approved by the Oneida County Legislature.

I therefore request your Board approval for the following 2019 fund transfers:

TO:
AA# A6414.495 - Oneida County Regional Assistance. ........................................... $ 500,000

FROM:
AA# 9950.9 - Budget /Transfer to Other Funds – Transfer to Capital ............. $ 500,000

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Keeler
Budget Director

CC: County Attorney
Comptroller

Reviewed and Approved for submission to the
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
County Executive

Date 11-14-19

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November 22, 2019

Board of Legislators
County of Oneida
800 Park Avenue
Utica, NY 13501

Honorable Members:

Due to the retirement of Cindy DelPiano, I hereby recommend Judi A. Smith to the position of Deputy Clerk to the Board of Legislators (31M, Step 9, $58,046). I ask the Board of Legislators approve this appointment at the November 27, 2019 Board meeting. The appointment would be effective December 2, 2019 and expire on December 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
GERALD J. FIORINI
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

CC: Audit & Control
    Personnel
RE: County Appropriation of $1.0 M to Mohawk Valley EDGE for Cree-Wolfspeed 200 mm Silicon Carbide (SiC) Wafer Fabrication project (Site Grading)

Dear Members of the Oneida County Board of Legislature:

I am requesting that the County Board of Legislature authorize approval of the appropriation request of $1.0 million to Mohawk Valley EDGE to support site grading improvements for the Cree-Wolfspeed project. I am also requesting approval of the attached agreement between the County and Mohawk Valley EDGE to facilitate the disbursements of these funds.

The September 23rd announcement that Cree-Wolfspeed will locate its new state-of-the-art 200 mm Silicon Carbide Wafer Fabrication facility at Marcy Nanocenter is exciting news for Oneida County and the Mohawk Valley Region. This project represents more than a $1 billion investment in Oneida County and will result in development of the first and largest 200 mm Silicon Carbide semiconductor facility in the world. Cree’s Marcy Fab will produce SiC semiconductor devices that will go into automotive, aerospace and defense, communications, renewable energy and industrial markets. This project positions the Mohawk Valley as a key hub for the development of Silicon Carbide semiconductors and makes Marcy Nanocenter a critical anchor in expanding New York’s advanced electronics ecosystem.

Cree expects to create 614 new jobs with an estimated annual payroll of $46 million. For every direct job in a semiconductor facility, 4.89 indirect and induced jobs are generated. As a result, Cree is expected to support the creation of another 3,000 indirect and induced jobs, including an estimated 700 to 900 construction jobs required to construct, furnish and equip its Marcy Fab.

Since the September 23rd announcement significant activity has commenced under the partnership with Oneida County, SUNY Poly’s Albany Nanotech site, Cree, Empire State Development, Mohawk Valley EDGE and other key stakeholders.

1. Cree and SUNY Poly have kicked off the process to re-start the 200 mm tool line that was originally established for GE as part of the Power Electronics Manufacturing Consortium. This tool line was set up to produce Silicon Carbide semiconductors for GE and other consortia members. Cree and SUNY Poly have begun work to re-commission the tool line so that Cree can qualify the tool line for its customer’s processes. Cree will then relocate this fully qualified tool set to Marcy Nanocenter once the Marcy fab is built and ready for tool installation. This compresses the development time frame for Cree as they will have a fully qualified tool line that it can then use to meet time to market requirements for its customers.

2. Cree completed the Basis of Design for the Marcy Nanocenter site so that it can issue an RFP for an Engineering Procurement and Contract Management (EPCM) for design and construction of
the project at Marcy Nanocenter, which is expected to be issued to design-build firms with proposals due to Cree by mid-November. The revised RFP integrates the Basis of Design completed for the Durham site with the Basis of Design previously completed for ams AG in 2016. The company is looking to fast-track design so that construction of the fab facilities can commence in Q1 2020.

3. Mohawk Valley EDGE issued plans and specifications for the early works site grading package on the 55 acre parcel that Cree will ground lease with bids due on October 28th. EDGE will proceed with site grading work while Cree’s EPCM design-build team is completing design of the project. EDGE anticipates to make a bid award by early November so that the site contractor can work through the winter. Financing for the project will include grant funds and financing under the PILOT Increment Financing (PIF) structure. EDGE is also in the final stage of completing construction on the customer substation located on the Marcy Nanocenter site and will file an application with the NYS Public Service Commission to secure approval to transfer the new dual circuit 115 kV Transmission line that runs from National Grid’s Edic Substation to the customer substation to National Grid who will own and maintain the new transmission line.

4. OCIDA has issued the preliminary authorizing resolution for the project. A public hearing was held on October 15th and it is anticipated that OCIDA will issue the final authorizing resolution at its October 18th meeting. This approval is necessary to support the various tax incentives that are part of the incentives package. This includes the PILOT Structure that was agreed to by and between all the taxing jurisdictions, OCIDA and EDGE in 2013 (Agreement Approving PILOT Terms and Allocating PILOT Payments).

5. SUNY, Fort Schuyler Management Corporation (FSMC) and EDGE are preparing legal documents that will result in the long term ground lease for the Cree project. EDGE will have a ground sublease through FSMC and in turn EDGE will sub-sublease the property to Cree who will design, build and own, operate and maintain the fab improvements.

6. Meetings have been held with the Town of Marcy Planning Board chairman on remaining local approvals for the project (Final Development Plan Approval). The Town of Marcy Board has also approved a deviation on its fee schedule for building permits as part of the incentives package. This past July, EDGE applied for and secured an Air Facilities permit, which saved four to six months on the permit process and more importantly allows construction to commence. This is a transferrable permit and EDGE will transfer the permit to Cree.

7. Cree’s HR team has visited both Utica and Albany to meet with local representatives to review housing options, job training and education providers. Cree is looking to encourage its workforce and other prospective semiconductor job applicants that it hopes to recruit to relocate to the region. The company is also interested in looking at establishing training initiatives for local job applicants, including internships for college students. Cree has already kicked off “fair” tours for staff who may relocate to support the company’s new wafer fabrication facility. Cree’s CEO is planning a follow up visit to Oneida County shortly to meet with community leaders and has indicated a strong desire for Cree to be an active part of our community.
To facilitate and support this project, the $1.0 million appropriation request from the County to Mohawk Valley EDGE is a critical part of the development timeframe for this project. EDGE will assemble another $9 million in funding to undertake the initial site grading activities that are critical to maintain a project schedule that would enable Cree to accelerate its construction schedule so that it can have a portion of the cleanroom ready for equipment by mid-year 2021. The company needs to install tools and will relocate the 200 mm tool set from Albany so that it can begin to ramp production of SiC wafers for customers in 2022. Through the PIF Structure EDGE will also finalize the balance of the local incentives for the project including job training and recruitment and relocation costs.

In my budget message I noted that there is more than $2 billion in public and private investment in the queue for Oneida County. Within the past two months we have seen consistent evidence of the economic transformation that is taking place as evidenced by Briggs and Stratton’s expansion at the former Oneida Limited facility in Sherrill; development of the Open Innovation Campus in Building 100 at Griffiss International Airport and the UAS Test Site; continued economic transformation of Griffiss as evidenced by: NYSTEC’s new corporate headquarters building, ground breaking for Air City Lofts, Orgill’s northeast distribution center. In addition, we are witnessing the economic revitalization of Utica’s downtown with the Nexus Center; Harbor Point; new urban adaptive reuse projects in downtown Utica; and the approved MVHS healthcare campus in downtown Utica.

All of these initiatives have sparked the momentum that exists throughout the County. During its numerous visits. Cree sensed that this is a region on the rise and indicated how impressed it was with the level of development taking place. Oneida County is on the move again and the Cree Project is just the beginning of more good things to come.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Onida County Executive

Cc: Steven J. DiMeo, President Mohawk Valley EDGE
Name & Address of Vendor: Mohawk Valley EDGE
584 Phoenix Drive
Rome, New York 13441

Title of Activity or Service: Supplemental Appropriation - Staff Services

Proposed Dates of Operation: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Client Population/Number to be Served: Oneida County

Summary Statements

1) Narrative Description of Proposed Services: Funding provided to carry out initiatives to improve the region’s economy.

2) Program/Service Objectives and Outcomes: To assist with the Marcy Nanocenter at SUNY Poly Project, and to develop a portion of the SUNY Poly Campus and some lands located adjacent thereto or in the vicinity thereof for use by one or more semiconductor, nanoelectronics, nanotechnology and/or related high tech end users.

3) Program Design and Staffing: N/A

Total Funding Requested: $1,000,000.00 Account # A6432.495 & A6436.495

Oneida County Dept. Funding Recommendation: $1,000,000.00

Proposed Funding Sources (Federal $/ State $/County $): 100% County

Cost Per Client Served: N/A

Past Performance Data: N/A

O.C. Department Staff Comments: