

Authorizing A Request For Proposals With Respect To Photovoltaic Alternative Power Installation At The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center [And The Ulster County Transit Center]

Legislator Bartels, The Law Enforcement Center Project Committee (Chairman Stock and Legislators Harris, Meyer, Kraft and R.A. Parete), The Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee (Chairman Hathaway, and Legislators DePew, Harris, Meyer, R.A. Parete and Shapiro) and The Highways & Bridges / Buildings & Grounds / Public Works Administration Committee (Chairman Felicello and Legislators Hathaway, McAfee, Meyer, Stock, Berardi, Donaldson, Provenzano and Zimet) and Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, Dart, Every, Feldmann, Gerentine, Hyatt, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, Noonan, R.S. Parete, Roberti, Rodriguez, Stoeckeler and Tipp offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County has undertaken the construction of a new jail also known as the Law Enforcement Center, Capital Project No. 236, Resolution No. 338 dated November 10, 1999, [and the Ulster County Transit Center, Capital Project No. 248, Resolution No. 158 dated April 11, 2002], and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual combined fuel expense, based on the six month estimate in the 2005 Tentative Budget, totals \$978,000.00, an increase of \$692,000.00 over the current annual cost of combined fuels at the Sheriff's Administration Building, Schwenk Drive and the Jail Facility on Golden Hill, and

WHEREAS, traditional fuel prices are only expected to rise, and

WHEREAS, New York State Governor George E. Pataki has voiced support for alternative energy sources by announcing the ambitious goal of making "New York the nation's leader in renewable energy", and

WHEREAS, the environmental and financial benefits of solar energy as an alternative and adjunct to traditional power sources have been well documented, and

WHEREAS, New York State recognizes the many benefits of solar electric systems and has developed incentives toward their installation through NYSERDA, and

WHEREAS, NYSERDA's New York Energy Smart Initiative currently has several programs that, when combined with PV cash incentives could help offset the total installation costs of a PV system by 40% to 70%, and

WHEREAS, the estimated financial return on a PV System averages 10% annually, and

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WHEREAS, a one kilowatt PV system prevents 150 pounds of coal from being mined, 300 pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere, and 105 gallons of water from being consumed in hydroelectric plants, and

WHEREAS, photovoltaic power as a clean and renewable energy is a means of protecting our environment, reducing dependence on foreign oil and encouraging economic growth through new technology, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has the opportunity to lead by example, and

WHEREAS, the Law Enforcement Center Project Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Highways & Bridges / Buildings & Grounds / Public Works Administration Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Proposals for the installation of a Photovoltaic (PV) or Solar Electric System at the future site of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center [and the Ulster County Transit Center, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, New York], and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said RFP[s] shall have a reasonable, yet timely, deadline, given the current status of construction, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a representative(s) of Ulster County Buildings & Grounds will make available the site[s] for inspection for the purpose of such proposals as is reasonable, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the results of said RFP[s] shall be presented to the Committees of the Law Enforcement Center Project Committee, the Environmental and Consumer Affairs Committee, and the Highways & Bridges/Buildings & Grounds/Public Works Administration, subsequent to which a presentation to the full Legislature shall be made for consideration of approval,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Hathaway, Hyatt and Stoeckeler)

Legislator Bartels motioned, seconded by Legislator Stock to amend Resolution No. 143 as indicated in [].

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Hathaway, Hyatt and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$300 .00 APPROXIMATE ADVERTISING COSTS

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