

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The Ulster County Development Corporation For Specific Solar Consortium Related Services – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Development Corporation

The Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Rodriguez and Legislators Bischoff, Loughran, Sheeley, Harris, Roberti and Terrizzi) and Legislators Briggs, Cahill, Dart, Decker, Donaldson, Gregorius, Kraft, Lomita, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Shapiro, Stoeckeler, Terpening and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) is the lead economic development organization for Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) is particularly to encourage the location of commercial, industrial and manufacturing facilities, the expansion of existing commercial and industrial endeavors, the creation of new and improved job opportunities and the coordination of economic development efforts all in and throughout Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) has been assisting the County of Ulster in these efforts since its creation in 1978, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) is prepared to furnish specific economic development services in and for Ulster County in the field of solar research and development by working with and through The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC), and

WHEREAS, the President of Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) is requesting that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement with the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC), in the amount of \$200,000.00, for specific Solar Consortium related services in calendar year 2008, working with and through The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC), and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

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RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute an agreement with the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC), in the amount of \$200,000.00, for specific Solar Consortium related services in calendar year 2008, working with and through The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) by subcontract, in the form to be filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature, or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) will furnish the following specific economic development services in and for Ulster County in the calendar year 2008 working with and through The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) by subcontract:

1. Work with solar technology companies and private and public universities in research and development to advance solar innovation. A significant portion of this work in 2008 will take place in Ulster County and with Ulster County employers and startups. SUNY New Paltz will be a key partner in this work. Outcomes will include research and development work in Ulster County involving firms active in Ulster County. A report at the end of calendar year 2008 will outline said research and development outcomes.
2. Work with solar technology companies and partnering academic institutions to help commercialize solar technologies. A significant portion of this work in 2008 will take place in Ulster County and with Ulster County employers and startups. Outcomes in 2008 will include technical assistance on commercialization of solar technology for at least one major solar startup in Ulster County.
3. Work actively to attract solar technology industry to Ulster County. The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) will partner in this effort with Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) and State, regional, national, and international institutions. This will mean including Ulster County in The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) marketing materials and promoting Ulster County as a manufacturing base for solar device production. It is understood that The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) is a regional and statewide organization, but that Ulster County funds are to be restricted to Ulster County activities of The

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Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC).

4. Provide guidance to Ulster County institutions, including the Ulster County government and the Ulster County Legislature, on solar energy issues. This will include quality assessment of existing solar facilities in Ulster County and assessment of the potential for solar energy development of selected Ulster County buildings. At the end of calendar year 2008, The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) will report on the results of such assessments to the full Ulster County Legislature.

5. Work with Ulster County institutions to analyze and solve problems with and through use of solar energy systems and help Ulster County institutions maximize the use of solar and other sustainable energy technologies. The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) will support and coordinate with the initiative of the Ulster County Workforce Development Board and the Ulster County Department of Employment and Training to advance the quality and quantity of “green” workforce skills and knowledge.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2008 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

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A4-2801-4952 (App. #)	UCDC, Solar Consortium	\$200,000.00
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TRANSFER

<u>FROM</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1331-4553 (App. #)	Contingent Account	\$200,000.00

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<u>TO</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Roberti)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
\$200,000.00 – TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENT ACCOUNT
(EARMARKED FUNDS)

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