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COUNTY COMPTROLLER

January 15, 2020

Hon. Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street – Suite 710
Albany, New York 12207

RE: RLA – Bond Counsel – Final one-year contract extension

Dear Hon. Andrew Joyce,

The Department of Audit and Control is requesting approval to exercise a one-year extension for a professional services contract with Hodgson Russ Attorneys LLP. This agreement provides bond counsel services for all borrowings by Albany County.

The RLA, Resolution No. 506, Contract, and RFP are included for your review. In the contract, there was a typo with regards to the term of the contract. The RFP (Section 6) states “The contract term shall be three (3) years from the date of award (2016, 2017, 2018); the County reserves the right to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year terms at the sole discretion of Albany County.” The contract (Article X), however, misstates that the initial term “shall commence December 1, 2015 and shall continue in effect until November 30, 2016.” The contract should have specified the initial term of the contract was in effect until November 30, 2018.

It appears the first one-year extension doesn't exist either. This request to exercise a one-year extension is the second and final one-year extension authorized by the RFP.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 447-7130.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan A. Rizzo', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Susan A. Rizzo
County Comptroller

cc: Patrick Collins, Counsel to the Chair
Kevin Cannizzaro, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel