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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Lalli, Director of Operations

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FROM: Gopika Muddappa, Deputy Director, EDCAP

DATE: March 4, 2026

RE: Architectural and Engineering Services for Live Fire Training and Public Safety Facility

SUBJECT: SEQR Compliance to Enter into a Contract with Barton and Loguidice for Architectural and Engineering Services

Albany County intends to construct a new training facility on portions of six vacant parcels totaling 21.64 acres at 13 Binghamton Street, Albany, NY. The project involves design and construction of a regional public safety training campus, including training structures, support buildings, paved areas, utilities, and site infrastructure. The County intends to enter into a contract with Barton & Loguidice for Architectural and Engineering services for the proposed Live Fire Training and Public Safety Facility. The design team will provide full architectural, engineering, and construction administration services. Project elements include multiple training structures, simulation units, a multi-purpose building, on site hydrants, stormwater systems, and associated site development. Additional work includes required surveys, geotechnical investigations, utility coordination, stormwater management, State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) compliance, and adherence to the County's Green Infrastructure Policy. The completed facility will provide a modern, adaptable environment for live-fire, technical rescue, and emergency response training.

Upon reviewing the information for the proposed request as it relates to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), the request meets the criteria established for SEQR Type II actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c). This determination is solely for entering into a contract with Barton & Loguidice for Architectural and Engineering services. Full review under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) will be undertaken prior to any future development of the property.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to reach me at Gopika.muddappa@albanycountyny.gov or (518)655-7932.