



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

FROM: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

DATE: September 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Masiello Martucci Hughes

On November 17, 2022, the Board authorized the execution of a Professional Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with Masiello Martucci and Associates, currently Masiello Martucci Hughes, for professional lobbying and government relation services. The Agreement has a term of two years which ends on December 31, 2025. The Agreement contains an option to extend the term for two additional one-year terms. Attached you will find a letter dated July 3, 2025 from Victor Martucci, Managing Partner, requesting the Authority exercise the extension with the same terms and conditions.

In my role as the primary contact with the firm, I can confirm the high standard of work that Masiello Martucci Hughes has delivered to the Authority. Therefore, I am recommending an amendment to extend the current Agreement for an additional year, maintaining the same terms and conditions.

A resolution to approve the amendment has been included for your consideration at the September 18, 2025 Board Meeting.

Thank you.

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Budget Information:

- Unit 6030
- GL 401000
- Primary 910060

**ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZATION FORM
For Approval/Execution of Board Meeting Documents**

Document Name: _____ **Project No.:** _____

Description: _____

Item Description:

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Approvals Required:

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Chief Financial Officer _____ Date: 09/08/2025

Chief Operating Officer _____ Date: 09/08/2025

Claims Rep. – Risk Manager _____ Date: _____

Comptroller _____ Date: _____

Director of Administration _____ Date: _____

Director of Distribution _____ Date: _____

Director of Human Resources _____ Date: _____

Director of IT _____ Date: _____

Director of Production _____ Date: _____

Director of Water Quality _____ Date: _____

Executive Engineer _____ Date: _____

General Counsel (Legal) _____ Date: 9/8/2025

Other: _____ Date: _____

APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION:

Secretary to the Authority _____ Date: 09/09/25

Remarks: _____

Resolution Date: _____ **Item No:** _____



**MASIELLO
MARTUCCI
HUGHES**

July 3, 2025

Mr. Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Board of Commissioners
Erie County Water Authority
295 Main Street, Room 350
Buffalo, New York 14203

Re: Contract renewal for Government Affairs

Dear Chair Schad:

Pursuant to section 4.01 of the Consulting Agreement between the Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) and Masiello, Martucci & Associates (now Masiello Martucci Hughes - MMH) dated January 1, 2023, please be advised that MMH wishes to extend the agreement for an additional one (1) year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, at a flat rate of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per month. All other terms of the current contract agreement shall remain in effect.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Victor A. Martucci
Managing Partner

Cc: Terrence McCracken, Secretary to Board of Commissioners
Anthony Masiello, President
Michael Hughes, Partner

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND LOBBYING SERVICES**

AMENDMENT, effective September 18, 2025, to the Professional Services Agreement, effective November 17, 2022, by and between:

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
295 Main Street, Room 350
Buffalo, New York 14203

hereinafter referred to as the “Authority,” and

**MASIELLO MARTUCCI HUGHES f/k/a
MASIELLO, MARTUCCI AND ASSOCIATES**
438 Main Street, Suite 500
Buffalo, New York 14202

hereinafter referred to as “Consultant.”

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2022, the Authority awarded Masiello Martucci Hughes f/k/a Masiello, Martucci and Associates a professional services agreement for government relations and lobbying services (the “Agreement”) for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for services to be provided to the Authority, as described in the Contract, from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 4, Paragraph 4.01 of the Agreement, the parties may agree in writing to extend the term of the Agreement for two (2) additional one (1) year terms, upon the same terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 6, Paragraph 6.02 of the Agreement, any modification or variation from the terms of the Agreement must be in writing, authorized by a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Authority (the “Board”), and signed by all parties; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant has requested a one-year extension under the same terms as the previous Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s Secretary has reviewed the request to extend the Agreement under the same terms and conditions, and recommends extending the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to extend the Agreement for a one-year period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises herein set forth, the parties agree to the following:

(1) All terms and conditions of the Agreement shall continue in effect until December 31, 2026; and

(2) The parties agree all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain without change or amendment; and

(3) This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which together are deemed to be one and the same agreement.

IN WITNESS WHERETO, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment No. 1 to be signed by their respective duly constituted officers, attested and sealed pursuant to proper authority.

ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

By _____
Jerome D. Schad, Chair

MASIELLO MARTUCCI HUGHES

By _____
Victor A. Martucci, Managing Partner

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) ss:

On the ____ day of September, in the year 2025, before me personally came Jerome D. Schad, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in the Amherst, New York, that he is the Chair of the Board of Commissioners for the Erie County Water Authority described in the above instrument, and he signed his name thereto by the authorization of the Board of Commissioners for the Erie County Water Authority.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF ERIE) ss:

On the ____ day of _____, in the year 2025, before me personally came Victor A. Martucci, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed within the instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his capacity as Managing Partner of the company described in the above instrument, that by his signature he executed the instrument by order of said compnay, and that he made such appearance before the undersigned.

Notary Public