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County Approves Bids for Addition to House Growing Emergency Medical Services Department

Geneseo, NY, July 24, 2019 — At its meeting on July 24, 2019, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors approved bids for four contractors to begin work on the 12,536-square-foot Livingston County Emergency Medical Services (LCEMS) facility, an expansion of the Livingston County Emergency Operations Center.

The contractors selected were DiPasquale Construction for general construction and site work; Pipitone Enterprises for heating, ventilation and air conditioning; North Coast Electrical Solutions for electrical work; and Amering & Johnson for plumbing.

Located in the Town of Groveland at the County's Hampton Corners complex, LCEMS provides emergency pre-hospital medical services to Livingston County residents. LCEMS responded to nearly 5,000 calls in 2018. In April of this year, LCEMS expanded its service to include the area formerly served by Avon Rotary-Lions Ambulance Service.

Expansion of the LCEMS facility will create enough space for the County's emergency medical personnel, including technician and supervisor offices, a training room, equipment and supply storage, and space for vehicles to be stored in protected parking areas, allowing the diesel-fueled vehicles to be available in emergency situations even in frigid temperatures.

“The continued growth of our LCEMS shows there is a continued need in our County for excellent emergency medical care,” said Avon Town Supervisor and Board of Supervisors Chairman David L. LeFeber. “The expansion of the EOC demonstrates Livingston County’s commitment to providing the best emergency medical care possible to our residents. I thank Karen and her entire department for their tireless efforts to provide our residents with the best level of emergency medical care, and look forward to work on the EOC expansion beginning.”

“As LCEMS continues to grow, it is important that our Department has the resources necessary to provide residents with the best level of emergency medical care possible,” said Emergency Medical Services Director Karen Dewar. “I thank Chairman LeFeber and the entire Board of Supervisors for demonstrating their commitment to our Department and its mission by authorizing this essential work for the EOC expansion. I am eager for the EOC expansion to begin and look forward to continuing to provide excellent care to the residents of Livingston County.”

Funding for the \$2.9 million LCEMS facility expansion has been secured through multiple sources, including a generous low-interest loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In addition, the project has been awarded two grants totaling \$400,000 from Senator Patrick Gallivan and former Senator Catharine Young through the State and Municipal Facilities Program.

When the USDA investment was initially announced in November 2018, Richard Mayfield, New York State Director of Rural Development, said: “Access to health care is essential for every community. It supports a high quality of life, and it helps businesses attract and retain workers. USDA is partnering with rural communities across the country to help rural residents and workers get access to modern, convenient health care services.”

The expected completion date for the project is May of 2020.

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