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January 16, 2024

FN 20 24-043

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**WAYS & MEANS**

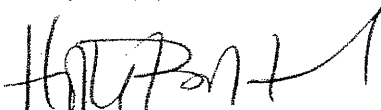
Re: Utica City School District/IRT Program (2023-2024)

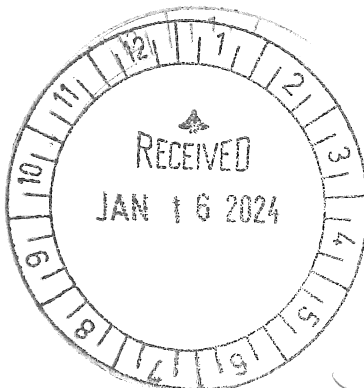
Dear County Executive Picente:

Enclosed is an agreement with the Utica City School District wherein the Oneida County Probation Department provides one part-time Probation Officer to the school district. This officer provides Initial Response Team (IRT) services and other supportive efforts in the school buildings. This successful partnership is designed to identify students with attendance and behavior problems, work with them and their families, and coordinate service delivery. In turn, many students are diverted from more formal persons in need of supervision and juvenile delinquent proceedings. The term of this agreement is from September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Utica City School District will pay the County \$14,500.00 for these services.

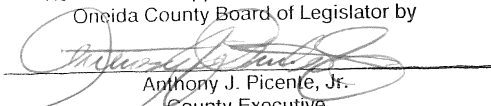
If this agreement meets with your approval, please forward it to the Board of Legislators for further approval. I further request that this proposed agreement be approved as a template for use with other school districts, with the understanding that “district-specific terms” and some non-material terms will change from district to district. Your support of this program continues to be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
Holly Bolton  
Probation Director



Reviewed and Approved for submittal to the  
Oneida County Board of Legislators by

  
Anthony J. Picente, Jr.  
County Executive

Date 1-16-24

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CONTRACT SUMMARY

**Name & Address of Vendor:** Utica City School District  
929 York Street  
Utica, New York 13502

**Title of Activity or Service:** Initial Response Team (IRT) Program

**Proposed Dates of Operation:** 9/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

**Client Population/Number to be served:** Students in Utica City School District

**Summary Statements:**

- 1) **Narrative Description of Proposed Services:** The Oneida County Probation Department provides Initial Response Team (IRT) services to the Utica City School District. It is an early intervention strategy where students starting to display attendance and behavior problems are involved in a process wherein the Probation Department works with students, parents, school authorities, and service providers to effect positive outcomes and improvement.
- 2) **Program/Service Objectives and Outcomes:** This program is designed to reach students and improve attendance and behavioral problems without formal Court intervention.
- 3) **Program Design and Staffing:** One part-time Probation Officer is stationed in the Utica City School District.

**Total Funding Requested:** \$14,500.00

**Account #:** A3142 (Revenue)

**Oneida County Department Funding Recommendation:** \$14,500.00

**Proposed Funding Sources (Federal\$/State\$/County\$):** Utica City School District will pay the County for \$14,500.00 of the total cost of the Services.

**Cost Per Client Served:** N/A

**Past Performance Data:** We have surpassed our goals of students referred to the program and deferred from Family Court for the past five years.

**O.C. Department Staff Comments:** The Probation Department recommends that this highly successful and collaborative project continue as it serves public safety interests in a cost-effective manner and supports the efforts of the Utica City School District and parents to help students make positive changes. Utica will pay for \$14,500.00 of the total cost of the Services. The County will pay the remaining amount. The Department also requests that this agreement be approved as a template for use with other school districts.



ONEIDA COUNTY  
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January 16, 2024

Hon. Gerald J. Fiorini  
Chairman, Oneida County Board of Legislators  
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FN 20 24-044

Re: Oneida County Industrial Development Agency

WAYS & MEANS

Dear Chairman Fiorini,

With a new year and terms of office upon us, now is the time to revitalize the Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (“OCIDA”). OCIDA is central to our shared vision for Oneida County, and its membership is critical to our community’s continued progress as the County transitions into a major industrial, technological, and commercial center.

The members of OCIDA serve “at pleasure” and continue to hold their offices until their successors are appointed. In the table below, I have identified seven residents—including two current members of OCIDA—with the vision, experience, and qualifications need to invigorate OCIDA and to realize our vision for the County’s future.

Current Members	New Appointments
Stephen R. Zogby	Stephen R. Zogby, Chair
David C. Grow, Chair	David C. Grow
Michael Fitzgerald	James J. Genovese, II
Mary Faith Messenger	Aricca R. Lewis
Ferris Betrus, Jr.	Tim Reed
Kirk Hinman	Kristen Martin
Eugene F. Quadraro	Franca Armstrong

This new team of members will move OCIDA forward and position Oneida County to be the leader in the most cutting-edge industries of our time. Consequently, I respectfully request that the Board of Legislators adopt a resolution confirming these new members to OCIDA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Anthony J. Picente, Jr.  
Oneida County Executive

