Authorizing The Office Of Employment And Training To Submit An Application To The New York State Office Of Strategic Workforce Pay For Performance Grant Program: Operating Grants – Office Of Employment And Training

Referred to: The Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee (Chairman Cahill and Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney and Sperry), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee, Brian B. Cahill, and Deputy Chair Herbert Litts, III, and Legislator Criswell offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Office of Employment and Training; and

WHEREAS, the activation of the former IBM site as iPark87, creates a oncein-a-generation opportunity to develop a national workforce development model that attracts innovative industries and supports their long-run success while exponentially expanding the availability of meaningful, family-sustaining jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County proposes an initiative that focuses on the creation of a new program model/framework that implements in-demand skills training, catalyzes creative approaches to workforce development for long-term impact, and is responsive to the business/industries in Ulster County and the employment needs of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Strategic Workforce Pay for Performance Grant Program (P4P): Operating Grant seeks to facilitate innovative, sustainable, and impactful approaches to workforce development; and applicants can apply for funding to be used for a variety of working capital and/or programmatic expenses related to a new program or expansion of an existing program such as curricula development, instruction and instructional materials, technology, marketing, and/or trainee supports; and

WHEREAS, the P4P Grant Program: Operating Grant track will cover the programmatic expenses related to the establishment of a new program, or the expansion of an existing training program that implements in-demand skills training, catalyzes creative approaches to workforce development for long-term impact, and is responsive to industries and the needs of trainees; and

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WHEREAS, funding assistance for the Operating Grants track will range from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000, New York State Economic Development/Office of Strategic Workforce may provide up to seventy-five percent (75%) of total project cost, and preference will be given to applicants leveraging more than the minimum twenty-five percent (25%) of the project cost from additional sources; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit an application for the New York State Office of Strategic Workforce Pay for Performance Grant Program (P4P): Operating Grant to support the creation of a program model/framework; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Ulster County Department of Employment and Training is hereby authorized to submit an application to the New York State Office of Strategic Workforce Pay for Performance Grant Program: Operating Grants up to the maximum award amount for which awardees must provide at least 25 percent of the total project cost as a matching share from additional sources,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:21NOES:0(Absent: Legislators Heppner and Stewart)

Passed Committee: Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture on August 1, 2023

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on August 8, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 – POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL 2023 STATE REVENUE DOLLARS (25% OF TOTAL PROJECT COST REQUIRED AS MATCHING SHARE FROM ADDITIONAL SOURCES)

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 15th Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18th Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this 18th Day of August 2023.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature Approved by the County Executive this 24th Day of August 2023.

[s] Jen Metzger Jen Metzger, County Executive