

May 3, 2006

Erie County Legislature 92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

Honorable Joel A. Giambra Erie County Executive 95 Franklin Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Honorable Members and County Executive Giambra:

We have prepared a financial report of the County of Erie, New York ("County") as of and for the three (3) months ended March 31, 2006 (the "Report"). My Office is pleased to provide this Report, the first of its kind, to the Legislature and Executive.

The Report, a copy of which is enclosed for your review, consists of the following sections:

- Financial Statements
- Investment Report
- Cash Flow Statement
- Property and Sales Tax Summary
- Debt Schedules
- Miscellaneous Financial Data (including data on short and long-term bonded indebtedness, property tax rates and constitutional taxing power)

The financial statements and other information contained within this Report have been compiled largely from the official accounting records maintained on the County's SAP system. The financial statements for the Erie County Medical Center Corporation, the Erie Community College, the Erie County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, the Erie Tax Certificate Corporation and the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority are NOT included since financial information for these entities is maintained separately from that of the County. Information contained in this Report has not been reviewed by the County's independent auditor and accordingly, no opinion on this Report is expressed.

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Please note that the 2005 information contained within this Report (e.g. 2006 beginning fund balance) is subject to change pending the results of the County's annual independent audit that is currently underway.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned or Gregory Gach, Deputy Comptroller, at 858-8400.

Sincerely yours,

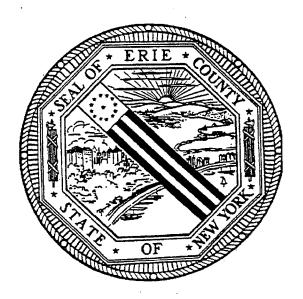
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cc: Members of the Erie County Fiscal Stability Authority
Kenneth J. Vetter, Director of Budget, Management and Finance

# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2006



**Erie County Comptroller's Office** 

MARK C. POLONCARZ

**Erie County Comptroller** 

May 3, 2006

# **COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Balance Sheet Governmental Funds March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

		General	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds		
Assets				4			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	72,761	\$	137,848	\$	210,609	
Receivables (net of allowances)							
Real property taxes, interest, penalties							
and liens		54,441		824		55,265	
Other Due from other funds		13,377		24,352		37,729	
Due from other rands  Due from other governments		11,692		26,917		38,609	
Prepaid items		180,431 156		24,272		204,703	
Loan receivable		2,250				156	
Total assets	\$		•	014.010	_	2,250	
Total assets	<del>-</del>	335,108	\$	214,213	\$	549,321	
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$	5,454	\$	2,861	\$	8,315	
Accrued liabilities		57,642		5,352		62,994	
Due to other funds				12,121		12,121	
Due to component unit		4,768				4,768	
Due to other governments		58		431		489	
Retained percentages payable Deferred revenue		9		3,192		3,201	
Short-term debt		42,559		41,672		84,231	
•		80,000		1,746		81,746	
Total liabilities		190,490		67,375		257,865	
Fund Balances Reserved for:				P			
Encumbrances		55,622		36,470		92,092	
Debt service				16,711		16,711	
Loan receivable		2,250				2,250	
Repairs E-911 system costs				3,202		3,202	
Handicapped parking		93		32		32	
Unreserved, reported in:		93				93	
Undesignated Special revenue funds		86,653				86,653	
Undesignated Capital projects fund				25,554		25,554	
Undesignated				64,869		64,869	
Total fund balances		144,618		146,838		291,456	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	335,108	\$	214,213	\$	549,321	

# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

Davianusai	•	General	_	Other Governmental Funds	_	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:	_		_			
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	172,187	\$	24,936	\$	197,123
Sales, use and transfer taxes		85,771		2,255		88,026
Intergovernmental		74,324		34,710		109,034
Departmental		18,078		6,700		24,778
Interest		1,763		1,323		3,086
Miscellaneous		17,162		256		17,418
Total revenues		369,285	_	70,180	-	439,465
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government support		37,538		1,363		38,901
Public safety		27,794		2,874		30,668
Health		14,345		4,712		19,057
Transportation		4,865		5,824		10,689
Economic assistance and opportunity		120,381		24,490		144,871
Culture and recreation		5,863		22		5,885
Education		12,779		68		12,847
Home and community service		113		4,631		4,744
Capital outlay				8,179		8,179
Debt service:						
Principal retirement				9,002		9,002
Interest and fiscal charges		2,393	_	4,521	_	6,914
Total expenditures		226,071	-	65,686	• -	291,757
(Deficiency) / excess of revenues						
over expenditures	-	143,214	-	4,494	-	147,708
Other financing assurance (see as)				•		
Other financing sources (uses):		40				
Sale of property		18		3		21
Transfers in		(4.4.000)		17,410		17,410
Transfers out		(14,099)	-	(3,311)	_	(17,410)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(14,081)	-	14,102	-	21
Net change in fund balances		129,133		18,596		147,729
Fund balances at beginning of year		15,485		128,242		143,727
Fund balances at end of three months	\$	144,618	\$	146,838	\$	291,456

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Business - Type Activities Enterprise Funds
	Utility Fund
Assets Current Assets	
Due from other governments Prepaid items	11,843 103
Total assets	11,946
Liabilities Current Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Due to other funds Total liabilities	4,208 5,068 795 10,071
Net Assets Unrestricted, reported in: Nonmajor Fund	1,875
Total net assets	\$ 1,875

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Funds Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Business - Type Activities Enterprise Funds			
Constitute By		Utility Fund		
Operating Revenues: Interfund revenues Other operating revenue	\$	2,127 16,843		
Total operating revenue		18,970		
Operating Expenses: Employee wages Employee benefits Utilities and telephone		12 4 18,294		
Total operating expenses		18,310		
Change in net assets	<del></del>	660		
Total net assets at beginning of year	·	1,215		
Total net assets at end of three months	<u>\$</u>	1,875		

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Fund March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

Assets		gency Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	31,308
Receivables:		
Due from other funds		713
Due from other governments		631
Other receivables		90
Bonds and securities held in custody		150
Total assets	\$	32,892
Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities	\$	712
Due to other funds	•	64
Held in custody for others		32,116
Total liabilities	\$	32,892

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. These funds include the Road, Sewer, Downtown Mall, E-911 and Community Development Funds.

### • Road Special Revenue Fund

Used to account for all revenues and expenditures related to the maintenance of County roads and bridges, snow removal, construction and reconstruction of County roads not required to be recorded in a Capital Projects Fund.

### Sewer Special Revenue Fund

Used to account for the activities of the various sewer districts currently in operation within the County.

### Downtown Mall Special Revenue Fund

Used to account for revenues raised through a special district charge levy and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the operation and maintenance of a downtown pedestrian/transit mall.

### E-911 Special Revenue Fund

Used to account for revenues raised through a telephone access line surcharge and the subsequent expenditure of these monies for the establishment and maintenance of an Enhanced 911 emergency telephone system.

### Grants Fund

Used to account for federal and state operating grants (except the Community Development Block Grant) earmarked for specific programs, so that grantor accounting and reporting requirements can be satisfied.

### Community Development Special Revenue Fund

Used to assist participating municipalities in the development of locally approved community or economic development activities that are eligible under federal program regulations.

### DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Debt Service Funds are used to account for current payments of principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, and for financial resources that have been accumulated to make future principal and interest payments on general long term indebtedness.

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)

### CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities:

### General Government Buildings, Equipment and Improvements Fund

Used to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works involving the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of major or permanent facilities having a relatively long useful life and equipment purchased from the proceeds of long-term debt.

# Highways, Roads, Bridges and Equipment Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by the Department of Public Works for the construction or reconstruction of County roads and bridges and the acquisition of equipment not accounted for in the Road Fund.

# • Sewers, Facilities, Equipment and Improvements Fund

Used to account for capital projects relating to the construction and acquisition of sewer facilities and equipment by the operating sewer districts.

### • Tobacco Proceeds Fund

Used to account for the net proceeds from the County's securitization of its share of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry that will be used to fund capital projects that otherwise would have been supported by operating funds or the issuance of bonds

# • Erie County Medical Center Corporation Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects that are for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment for the Erie County Medical Center.

# Special Capital Projects Fund

Utilized to account for capital projects administered by departments other than Public Works that are primarily for the acquisition or construction of buildings, improvements and equipment.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

	Road		Sewer	 ntown Mall	E	-911	 arants		mmunity elopment	 Total		Debt Service
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Receivables (net of allowances)		\$	12,324	\$ 94	\$	170	\$ 8,473	\$	138	\$ 21,199	\$	15,407
Real property taxes, interest, penalties				824						824		
and liens Other	709		4	424			175		23,430	24,318		
Due from other funds	,00		26,781						,	26,781		136
Due from other governments Prepaid items	2		1,344				11,824		14	13,184	•	1,310
Total assets	711	_	40,453	 918		170	 20,472	_	23,582	 86,306		16,859
Liabilities and Fund Balances												
Liabilities:			*									
Accounts payable	1,600	-	42			72	19		100	1,827		
Accrued liabilities	296		689				1,789		34	2,808		142
Due to other funds	4,253									4,253		
Due to component unit							426		5	431		
Due to other governments Retained percentages payable			11				2		•	13		
Deferred revenue			•••				18,242		23,430	41,672		
Short-term debt							,		,			
Total liabilities	6,149		742	 		72	 20,472		23,569	 51,004		142
Fund balances:				 								
Reserved for:												
Encumbrances	3,126		3,357			31				6,514		
Prepaid expenditures												16,711
Debt service	3,202									3,202		10,711
Repairs	3,202					32				32		
E-911 system costs Unreserved, reported in:										-		
Special revenue funds												
Designated												
Undesignated	(11,766)		36,354	918		35			13	25,554		
Capital projects fund			•									
Total fund balances	(5,438)	_	39,711	 918		98	 		13	 35,302		16,711
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 711	\$	40,453	\$ 918	\$	170	\$ 20,472	\$	23,582	\$ 86,306	\$	16,853

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Combining Balance Sheet Nonmajor Governmental Funds March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

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	Gov Bu Equip	teneral vernment uildings, pment and ovements	Price Bric	ghways, Roads, dges and ulpment	Fa Equip	ewers, acilities oment and ovements	Te	obacco oceeds	s c	pecial Capital rojects		ECMC Capital Projects		Total	Gov	Total Ionmajor vernmental Funds
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	s	48,792	\$	9,561	s	7,964	\$	5,668	\$	3,797	\$	25,460	\$ -	101,242	\$	137,848
Receivables (net of allowances) Real property taxes, interest, penalties and liens	•	7-1	·	-,	Ť		·	-,	·	-41	Ť	,	•	,	·	824
Other		34												34		24,352
Due from other funds																26,917
Due from other governments Prepald items		3,318		6,208						252				9,778		24,272
Total assets		52,144		15,769		7,964	_	5,668		4,049		25,460		111,054		214,213
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:																
Accounts payable		704		323		2						5		1,034		2,861
Accrued liabilities		1,568		564		215						55		2,402		5,352
Due to other funds Due to component unit Due to other governments		2,252		4,573		924				719				7,868		12,121 431
Retained percentages payable Deterred revenue		2,288		113		651				73		54		3,179		3,192 41,672
Short-term debt						1,746								1,746		1,746
Total liabilities		6,812		5,573		2,938				792		114		16,229		67,375
Fund balances: Fleserved for:																
Encumbrances Prepaid expenditures		12,131		6,863		6,625				196		4,141		29,956		36,470
Debt service Repairs E-911 system costs Unreserved, reported in:																16,711 3,202 32
Special revenue funds Designated Undesignated																25,554
Capital projects fund		33,201		3,333		(1,599)		5,668		3,061		21,205		64,869		64,869
Total fund balances		45,332		10,196		5,026		5,668		3,257		25,346		94,825		146,838
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	52,144	\$	15,769	\$	7,964	\$	5,668	\$	4,049	\$	25,460	\$	111,054	\$	214,213

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK

----Special Revenue ------

•	Road	Sewer	Downtown Mall	E-911	Grants	Community Development	Total	Debt Service
Revenues:  Real property taxes and tax items Sales, use and transfer taxes Intergovernmental	<b>\$</b> 1,983	\$ 23,724	\$ 1,212	<b>\$</b> 272	\$ 30,912	<b>\$</b>	24,936 2,255 31,530	\$ 1,309
Interfund revenues Departmental Interest Miscellaneous	16	5,920 191 86		59	374 108	380	6,690 191 253	1,087
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Expenditures: Current: General government support Public safety Health Transportation Economic assistance and opportunity Culture and recreation Education Home and community service Capital outlay	5,824	. 75	294	277	994 2,597 4,712 23,502 22 68	988	1,363 2,874 4,712 5,824 24,490 22 68 4,631	
Debt service: Principal retirement Interest and liscal charges								9,002 4,521
	5,824	4,706	294	277	31,895	988	43,984	13,523
	(3,825)	25,215	918	54	(501)	10	21,871	(11,127)
Other linancing sources (uses) : Sale of property Transfers in Transfers out		(655)			202	3	3 202 (655)	14,552
		(655)			202	3	(450)	14,552
Net change in fund balances	(3,825)	24,560	918	54	(299)	13	21,421	3,425
Fund balances at beginning of year	(1,613)	15,151		44	299		13,881	13,286
Fund balances at end of three months	\$ (5,438)	\$ 39,711	\$ 918	\$ 98	\$ -	\$ 13	\$ 35,302	\$ 16,711

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Three Months Ended March 31, 2006
(amounts expressed in thousands)

	/	**********************	•••••	Capital Funds			/	
	Buildings, Equipment and Improvements	Roads, Bridges and Equipment	Facilities Equipment and Improvements	Tobacco Proceeds	Special Capital Projects	ECMC Capital Projects	Total	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues: Real properly taxes and tax items	S	s	\$	· s	s	s	2	\$ 24,936
Sales, use and transfer taxes Intergovernmental	1,871	•	•	•	•	•	1,871	2,255 34,710
Interfund revenues Departmental	10		45				10 45	6,700 1,323
Interest Miscellaneous	3		40				45	1,323 256
Windoward	1,884		45				1,929	70,180
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government support								. 1,363 2,874
Public safety Health								4,712
Transportation								5,824
Economic assistance and opportunity								24,490
Culture and recreation								22
Education								68
Home and community service								4,631
Capital outlay	5,115	1,994	441		33	596	8,179	8,179
Debt service:								
Principal retirement								9,002
Interest and fiscal charges								4,521
•	5,115	1,994	441	<u> </u>	33	596	8,179	65,686
	(3,231)	(1,994)	(396)		(33)	(596)	(6,250)	4,494
Other (inancing sources (uses) :								
Sale of property		•						3
Translers in	2,656						2,656	17,410
Transfers out				(2,656)			(2,656)	(3,311)
	2,656			(2,656)				14,102
Net change in fund balances	(575)	(1,994)	(396)	(2,656)	(33)	(596)	(6,250)	18,596
Fund balances at beginning of year	45,907	12,190	5,422	8,324	3,290	25,942	101,075	128,242
Fund balances at end of three months	\$ 45,332	\$ 10,196	\$ 5,026	\$ 5,668	\$ 3,257	\$ 25,346	\$ 94,825	\$ 146,838
, and opposite at any or reporting	7 ,0,000	5,100	,520	5,500				140,000

# LIBRARY COMPONENT UNIT

The financial data shown for the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is derived from records maintained on its behalf by the County. The Library does not issue separate financial statements. The inclusion of the Library as a component unit in the County's financial statements reflects the County's financial accountability for this legally separate entity.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Balance Sheet Component Unit March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

		Library
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Receivables (net of allowances)	\$	14,077
Other  Due from primary government		1 4,768
Due from other governments		8
Total assets	\$	18,854
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities:		
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities	\$	99
Deferred revenue		667 167
Total liabilities	•	933
Fund Balances Reserved for:		
Encumbrances Unreserved, reported in:		2,317
Designated Undesignated		1,350 14,254
Total fund balances		17,921
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	18,854

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Component Unit Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 (amounts expressed in thousands)

		Library
Revenues:		
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	21,672
Intergovernmental Departmental		. 116 124
Miscellaneous		16
Total revenues		21,928
Expenditures: Current:		
Culture and recreation		6,786
Total expenditures		6,786
Excess (deficiency) of revenues		
over expenditures	*****	15,142
Net change in fund balances		15,142
Fund balance at beginning of year		2,779
Fund balance at end of three months	\$	17,921

**INVESTMENT REPORT** 

COUNTY OF ERIE
Quarterly Investment Report
January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

In accordance with the Comptroller's Investment Guidelines, the first quarter Investment Report for 2006 is hereby submitted. The primary objectives of the investment program, as set out in established guidelines, are as follows in order of importance:

- compliance with legal requirements
- safeguarding of principal
- ensuring sufficient liquidity
- obtaining a reasonable rate of return

Our cash management program offers the County a good return on its investments without assuming unnecessary risks. A total of 766 investments were made during the quarter, resulting in \$2,781,950 in total interest earnings for all funds. The weighted average yield for the first quarter was 4.44%. For comparison, during the first quarter of 2005, 555 investments were effectuated which generated \$1,013,864 in total interest earnings for all funds at an average weighted yield of 2.42%.

### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENTS PURCHASED

	Number of Investments 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter		Average II (in mil 1 <sup>st</sup> Qu	llions)	Average Length of Investment (days)		
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	
JP Morgan Chase, N.A.	66	266	2.3	7.7	5	2	
Citizens Bank	156	0	8.1	0	5	0	
Bank of America	434	179	5.6	2.7	3	5	
HSBC Bank USA, N.A.	110	110	10.0	18.2	7	7	
Key Bank, N.A.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
M&T Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	766	555					

In an effort to obtain the highest competitive interest rates while incurring the lowest possible bank fees during the first quarter of 2006, the Comptroller's Office added the following financial institutions as partners in order to achieve our investment targets: Citizens Bank, Greenwich Capital Markets and Citibank.

# COUNTY OF ERIE Quarterly Investment Report January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006

# SUMMARY OF INTEREST EARNINGS BY FUND

	General Fund	Trust Fund	Capital Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
1st Quarter	\$1,045,740	\$451,311	\$1,090,845	\$194,054	\$2,781,950
Year to date	\$1,045,740	\$451,311	\$1,090,845	\$194,054	\$2,781,950

Please note the 2006 Adopted Budget General Fund interest earnings are projected to be \$2,500,000.00. The actual year to date earnings for the General Fund as of March 31, 2006 is \$1,045,740.00. For comparison, during the first quarter of 2005, the General Fund interest earnings were \$449,403.29.

# SUMMARY OF WEIGHTED AVERAGE YIELD (ALL FUNDS)

Month	Weighted Average Yield						
	2006	2005					
January	4.35%	2.25%					
February	4.42%	2.42%					
March	4.55%	2.59%					
Weighted Average for Quarter	4.44%	2.42%					

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Comptroller's Office does not as a matter of course make public projections as to future cash flows, or other results. However, the Comptroller's Office has prepared the projected cash flow information set forth in the following schedule to present the projected cumulative cash flow of Erie County for the year ending December 31, 2006. The projected financial information was not prepared with a view toward complying with the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with respect to prospective financial information, but, in the view of the Comptroller's Office and the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, was prepared on a reasonable basis, reflects the best currently available estimates and judgments, and presents, to the best of the Comptroller's Office's knowledge and belief, the expected future cash flow of the County. However, this information is not fact and should not be relied upon as being necessarily indicative of future results, and readers of this document are cautioned not to place undue reliance on this prospective information.

NEITHER THE COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, NOR ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS, HAVE COMPILED, EXAMINED, OR PERFORMED ANY PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROSPECTIVE CASH FLOW INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, NOR HAVE THEY EXPRESSED ANY OPINION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSURANCE ON SUCH INFORMATION OR ITS ACHIEVABILITY, AND ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND DISCLAIM ANY ASSOCIATION WITH, THE PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Cash Flow Statement 2006

Description	Actual January	Actual February	Actual March	Projected April	Projected May	Projected June	Projected July	Projected August	Projected September	Projected October	Projected November	Projected December	TOTAL
Opening Balance	61,285,131												
** Receipts ** DSS	27,075,318	18,224,909	48,604,776	1,405,232	19,788,946	19,337,070	16,464,627	27,293,393	17,447,990	26,113,202	25,966,232	21,863,737	269,585,433
ECMC / Home & Infirmary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0
Sales Tax	28,546,513	26,167,471	22,295,009	32,817,493	25,938,055	26,513,642	34,871,069	29,807,620	28,911,669	38,389,997	27,779,714	25,182,070	347,220,322
Real Property Tax	2,292,015	38,475,040	147,831,860	19,267,445	5,757,841	2,852,298	4,064,638	2,410,194	1,786,407	1,421,548	2,504,018	2,634,630	231,297,935
Other	28,361,684	47,290,274	31,225,425	10,234,067	40,771,222	(2,070,687)	28,397,890	12,071,536	22,783,582	24,610,285	16,193,342	15,553,445	275,422,064
RAN Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	110,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	110,000,000
Total Receipts	147,560,661	130,157,694	249,957,070	63,724,237	92,256,064	156,632,324	83,798,224	71,582,743	70,929,647	90,535,032	72,443,306	65,233,882	1,233,525,754
** Disbursements ** DSS	45,271,587	32,224,736	32,185,718	31,341,534	35,415,779	36,925,182	31,561,683	33,337,020	31,059,410	33,269,046	28,784,877	36,258,198	407,634,769
Payroll	21,991,542	21,226,569	30,621,337	22,000,000	22,000,000	33,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000	33,000,000	293,839,448
Vendor	28,721,723	62,690,699	66,988,130	35,749,134	27,563,857	16,848,952	38,471,626	28,964,442	18,809,690	19,233,536	16,775,349	21,892,592	382,709,730
Debt Service	4,087,988	1,651,936	10,078,492	8,878,313	1,177,916	4,463,088	3,785,045	2,918,022	6,777,892	7,703,846	1,538,587	8,293,662	61,354,786
RANs Set Asides Mar 05 RANs Set Asides Jul 05	29,152,924 0	22,853,349 0	6,918,450 42,000,000	0 700,000	0 21,000,000	0 16,300,000	0	(0)	0	0	0	,0	58,924,723 80,000,000
Total Disbursements	129,225,764	140,647,288	188,792,126	98,668,981	107,157,552	107,537,222	95,818,353	87,219,484	78,646,992	82,206,428	69,098,813	99,444,452	1,284,463,455
Monthly Cash Flow	18,334,898	(10,489,594)	61,164,944	(34,944,744)	(14,901,488)	49,095,102	(12,020,129)	(15,636,741)	(7,717,344)	8,328,604	3,344,493	(34,210,570)	(50,937,701)
Cumulative Cash Flow	18,334,898	7,845,303	69,010,248	34,065,504	19,164,016	68,259,118	56,238,989	40,602,247	32,884,903	41,213,507	44,558,000	10,347,430	



# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Property Tax Collections Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Gross Levy	\$ 540,580,523	\$ 493,517,706
Less: Amount Retained by Towns	(303,202,950)	(289,697,275)
Net To Be Collected by County	237,377,573	203,820,431
Less: January - March Collections	(188,007,480)	(156,494,884)
Net Outstanding at March 31st	\$ 49,370,093	\$ 47,325,547
Percentage Collected at March 31st	79.2%	76.8%

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Sales Tax Revenue Three Months Ended March 31, 2006

	2006 Budget	March 2006 YTD Revenue	% of Budget <u>Realized</u>
Sales And Use Tax	\$ 134,021,204	\$ 32,565,227	24.3%
1 % Sales Tax - Erie County Purposes	\$ 126,433,027	\$ 30,752,448	24.3%
0.25 % Sales Tax	\$ 31,600,000	\$ 7,688,112	24.3%
0.50 % Sales Tax (1)	\$ 63,200,000	\$ 13,876,224	22.0%
Totals	\$ 355,254,231	\$ 84,882,011	23.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> The 0.50 % Sales Tax went into effect on January 15, 2006

DEBT SCHEDULES

# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Annual Debt Service Requirements for Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness of the County As of March 31, 2006

Fiscal Year Ending December 31	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Debt Service	
2006	\$ 25,719,565.52	\$ 18,723,265.68	\$ 44,442,831.20	(1)
2007	39,696,860.58	22,342,559.52	62,039,420.10	` '
2008	38,008,752.95	20,580,355.30	58,589,108.25	
2009	35,509,345.37	18,831,460.09	54,340,805.46	
2010	34,450,607.10	17,204,090.31	51,654,697.41	
2011	35,128,591.28	15,560,763.55	50,689,354.83	
2012	35,494,962.48	13,901,632.39	49,396,594.87	
2013	30,671,544.49	12,090,553.53	42,762,098.02	
2014	30,856,667.00	10,600,928.44	41,457,595.44	
2015	31,340,286.00	9,105,078.63	40,445,364.63	
2016	29,694,099.00	7,604,919.24	37,299,018.24	
2017	30,526,341.00	6,112,474.22	36,638,815.22	
2018	25,863,584.00	4,570,558.92	30,434,142.92	
2019	19,109,727.00	3,458,847.77	22,568,574.77	
2020	18,911,970.00	2,548,174.33	21,460,144.33	
2021	4,604,213.00	1,783,044.76	6,387,257.76	
2022	4,711,456.00	1,553,428.17	6,264,884.17	
2023	4,848,699.00	1,320,560.51	6,169,259.51	•
2024	4,800,942.00	1,090,840.47	5,891,782.47	
2025	4,533,185.00	859,705.88	5,392,890.88	
2026	2,170,428.00	677,763.44	2,848,191.44	
2027	2,212,671.00	579,063.72	2,791,734.72	
2028	2,269,913.00	477,856.39	2,747,769.39	
2029	2,322,156.00	373,925.76	2,696,081.76	
2030	1,419,399.00	292,259.23	1,711,658.23	
2031	1,466,642.00	233,001.94	1,699,643.94	
2032	1,101,497.00	174,548.22	1,276,045.22	
2033	1,005,000.00	123,955.32	1,128,955.32	
2034	870,000.00	76,019.43	946,019.43	
2035	740,000.00	37,000.00	777,000.00	_
	\$ 500,059,104.77	\$ 192,888,635.16	\$ 692,947,739.93	=

SOURCE: Erie County Comptroller's Office

<sup>(1)</sup> Amount is net of debt service payments of \$13,522,418.06 made from January 1, 2006 to March 31, 2006.

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Direct General Obligation Indebtedness Outstanding As of March 31, 2006

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Bonds : Buildings and other Improvements	\$142,918,410.38	
Highway Improvements	97,734,379.60	
Court House Facilities	85,777,123.91	
Sewer District Facilities	61.771.772.32	
Hospital	25,729,122.81 (1)	
HSBC Arena	20,765,000.00	•
	19,035,787.47	
Computer System	16,218,998.58	
Raiph Wilson Stadium Pension	12,350,000.00	
	10,930,545.61	
Community College		
Convention Center	4,195,747.16	
Prison Facilities	2,133,839.74	
Nursing Home	498,377.19 (1)	
Total Long-Term Debt		\$500,059,104.77
Bond Anticipation Notes - Sewer District Facilities	1,745,916.55	
Revenue Anticipation Notes	80,000,000.00	
Total Short-Term Debt		81,745,916.55
Total Short-Term Debt	. —	01,740,010.00
Gross Direct Debt		581,805,021.32
Physical and a second se		
Exclusions:	62 517 699 97	
Sewer District Debt	63,517,688.87 23,252,515.62	
Budgeted Appropriations	23,252,515.62 80.000.000.00	
Revenue Anticipation Notes		
Total Deductions		166,770,204.49
Net Direct Debt		\$415,034,816.83
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### SOURCE: Erie County Comptroller's Office

<sup>(1)</sup> Pursuant to the agreement governing the sale of the County hospital and nursing home to Erie County Medical Center Corporation, the County continues to be directly responsible for the payment of certain bonded debt for these facilities. Bonded debt in the amount of \$101,375,000 of Erie County Medical Center Corporation for which the County has indirect responsibility as guarantor is not included above.

# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Calculation of Constitutional Debt Limit As of March 31, 2006

	Full Valuation	
	of Taxable	
	Real Property	
_		•
\$	31,941,364,997	
	32,145,255,700	
	33,576,174,348	
	34,479,046,511	•
	35,980,745,078	
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		\$ 168,122,586,634
		\$ 33,624,517,327
		\$ 2,353,716,213
	\$	Real Property  \$ 31,941,364,997 32,145,255,700 33,576,174,348 34,479,046,511

Source: Property valuation - Erie County Division of Budget, Management and Finance

# COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Calculation of Total Net Indebtedness As of March 31, 2006

Five year average full valuation (2001-2005)	\$	33,624,517,326.80
Debt Limit - 7% of average full valuation	\$	2,353,716,212.88
Outstanding Indebtedness:         Bonds - General       \$ 425,937,332.45         Bonds - Sewer       61,771,772.32         Bonds - Pension       12,350,000.00         Bond Anticipation Notes - Sewer       1,745,916.55         Bond Guaranty - ECMCC (1)       101,375,000.00         Revenue Anticipation Notes       80,000,000.00		
Total Indebtedness 683,180,021.32		
Less Exclusions:  Sewer Exclusion  Revenue Anticipation Notes  Budgeted Appropriations  63,517,688.87  80,000,000.00  23,252,515.62		
Total Exclusions 166,770,204.49	_	
Total Net Indebtedness		516,409,816.83
Net Debt Contracting Margin	\$	1,837,306,396.05
Percentage of Debt Contracting Power Exhausted		21.94%

<sup>(1)</sup> Erie County Medical Center Corporation



COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Tax Collections 1996 - 2005

Fiscal Year Ending 12/31	Total General Property Tax Levy All Purposes (a)	Towns Levy (b)	Returned School Tax (c)	Uncollected as of Tax Sale Date in Year of Levy	Percentage <u>Uncollected</u>
1996	\$ 469,836,893	\$ 213,635,011	\$ 13,585,860	\$ 22,170,876	4.72 %
1997	488,941,336	221,691,609	14,522,360	24,413,550	4.99
1998	493,970,979	224,177,492	16,218,263	26,740,503	5.41
1999	490,692,273	225,934,027	15,637,655	26,191,669	5.34
2000	446,019,358	222,449,694	13,953,109	20,432,799	4.58
2001	424,554,739	231,109,689	13,104,632	18,282,851	4.31
2002	430,565,663	235,033,457	13,899,502	18,661,558	4.33
2003	447,035,372	250,233,121	14,124,489	15,371,308	3.44
2004	464,433,235	265,812,020	14,152,464	13,713,364	2.95
2005	493,517,706	289,697,275	13,788,438	13,832,736	2.80

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Countywide property tax, all town taxes, and relevied village and school taxes. Does not include initial school district levies.

SOURCE: Erie County Division of Budget, Management and Finance

<sup>(</sup>b) Includes amount levied by the County for general town, special district, fire district and highway purposes. Also includes levy for Grand Island School District, the taxes for which are not separately levied in accordance with the procedure described above. All of such amounts are collected by the respective tax collectors in each town.

<sup>(</sup>c) Represents amount of school taxes returned to the County as uncollected as of December 1st in the year in which they are levied, which taxes are extended on the County rolls for subsequent collection together with other County taxes.

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Short-Term Borrowing History 1995 - 2006

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type (1)</u>	Issue Date	Maturity Date
1995	80,000,000	RAN	09/21/95	09/20/96
1996	40,000,000	RAN	04/18/96	04/17/97
***************************************	40,000,000	RAN	11/20/96	11/19/97
1997	40,000,000	RAN	06/26/97	06/25/98
	40,000,000	RAN	10/30/97	10/29/98
1998	60,000,000	RAN	10/14/98	10/13/99
1999	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
2002	43,000,000	RAN	09/18/02	09/17/03
2003	90,000,000	RAN	06/24/03	06/23/04
2004	82,500,000	RAN	07/14/04	07/13/05
2005	80,000,000	RAN	03/11/05	03/10/06
***************************************	80,000,000	RAN	07/14/05	07/13/06
2006 Projected (2)	110,000,000	RAN	June '06	June '07

(1) Revenue Anticipation Notes ("RAN") may be issued in any fiscal year in anticipation of the collection or receipt of taxes (other than real property taxes) and certain other types of revenue which are due and payable in such fiscal year and moneys to be received from the State or Federal government which are due in such fiscal year. Pursuant to State law, such notes must mature within one year after the date of issuance, and may be renewed from time to time for periods of up to one year; however, the maturity of such notes, including renewals, may not extend beyond the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such notes were originally issued.

At March 31, 2006 the County had \$80,000,000 of revenue anticipation notes outstanding. These notes mature on July 13, 2006 and bear interest at the rate of 3.75%

The issuance of revenue anticipation notes has been necessitated, in part, by the State's practice of requiring local governments to pay 100% of the expenditures for various programs in advance, and then providing subsequent reimbursement for the non-local share.

(2) The Erie County Legislature approved borrowing of up to \$110 million on April 6, 2006 and the closing of said transaction is anticipated to be completed in June of 2006.

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Outstanding Long-Term Direct Indebtedness 1996 - 2005

# Outstanding Long-Term Direct Indebtedness (a) (As of December 31)

<u>Amount</u>	Fiscal <u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
\$228,708,990 219,344,538 215,240,994 210,988,752 214,890,782	2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	\$221,209,139 256,295,578 327,032,146 384,124,771 446,656,385
	\$228,708,990 219,344,538 215,240,994 210,988,752	Amount     Year       \$228,708,990     2001       219,344,538     2002       215,240,994     2003       210,988,752     2004

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes all sewer debt payable from special assessments.

SOURCES:

Erie County General Purpose Financial Statements – 1996-2001 (Audited) Erie County Basic Financial Statements – 2002-2004 (Audited) Erie County Basic Financial Statements – 2005 (Unaudited)

COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Valuations, Tax Levies and Rates 2002 - 2006

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Assessed Valuation	\$30,165,315,955	\$28,276,734,647	\$27,557,186,821	\$27,026,638,924	\$26,480,690,610
Equalized Full Valuation	38,102,215,597	35,980,745,087	34,479,046,522	33,576,174,357	32,145,255,713
Levied for County Purposes (a)	194,655,585	164,052,166	159,436,984	159,348,027	159,161,728
Rates for \$1,000 of Equalized Full Valuation	\$5.11	\$4.56	\$4.62	\$4.75	\$4.95

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes County and Library property taxes, taxes for election expenses and Community College chargebacks.

SOURCE: Erie County Division of Budget, Management and Finance

### COUNTY OF ERIE, NEW YORK Computation of Constitutional Taxing Power for 2006

Assessment Year	Full Valuation
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005	31,941,364,997 32,145,255,700 33,576,174,348 34,479,046,511 35,980,745,078
Total	\$168,122,586,634
Five-Year Average Full Valuation  Tax Limit (1.5%) (b)  Total Exclusions  Total Taxing Power  Total Levy for 2005 (c)  Tax Margin (b)	\$33,624,517,327 504,367,760 53,093,889 557,461,649 194,688,825 362,772,824

<sup>(</sup>a) Data excerpted from the County's Constitutional Tax Limit Report, which is filed with the State Comptroller.

- (b) New York State Constitutional Tax Limit equals 1.5% of Five-Year Average Full Valuation. By Amendment to the County Charter, the County has limited its annual property tax levy to one per centum (1.0%) of the five year average of full valuation. The County's 2006 total taxing power under this local law is \$389,339,062 leaving a tax margin of \$194,650,237.
- (c) Includes County and Library property taxes, taxes for election expenses and Community College chargebacks.