

**AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF THE QUESTAR *III*  
STEM RESEARCH INSTITUTE PROJECT WITH THE GOAL OF ENHANCED  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BURGEONING GAME  
DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER IN THE COUNTY AND REGION**

**WHEREAS**, Rensselaer County and the surrounding region have become nationally known as a center for the development of gaming programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for gaming programs continues to show great growth, with a concomitant growth in the demand for a workforce well trained in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and in the specific skill sets germane to gaming development; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent report by the Center for Economic Growth identified the availability of STEM talent as one of the gaming industry's top needs, if the gaming cluster is to continue to thrive and grow in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, QUESTAR *III*, through its STEM Research Institute, has partnered with Vicarious Visions, the region's largest video game developer, and with area secondary school STEM educators, to collaborate in the development of an interdisciplinary gaming course to be offered to secondary school students in Rensselaer County; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid collaboration will require participating teachers to spend six weeks of the summer working with the STEM professionals at Vicarious Visions to develop secondary school courses which will align with the skill sets needed by the gaming industry; and

**WHEREAS**, participating teachers will be required to attend future professional development conferences to present to other STEM teachers the lesson plans and courses they develop through the STEM Research Institute project, sharing best practices that can be replicated or modified in schools around the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the Agency) recognizes video game development as a growing industry in Rensselaer County and is supportive of the efforts of QUESTAR *III* to help meet the workforce needs of that industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency recognizes that the availability of a workforce well-trained in necessary skill sets is a prerequisite to the growth of any industry; and the presence of such a workforce is necessary in order to attract and retain commercial and industrial enterprises; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency believes that the QUESTAR *III* STEM Research Institute's video gaming curriculum development project will ultimately result in a pool of workers well-trained in the skills needed by the gaming industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the encouragement and support of workforce development efforts is well within the goal and mission of this Agency to attract and retain Rensselaer County employers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has previously agreed to support this initiative, but due to changes necessitated by disruptions in the plan caused by the COVID pandemic, it is necessary for the Agency to affirm agreement with the new arrangements, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Agency does agree to financially support the QUESTAR *III* STEM Research Institute's curriculum development effort by contributing the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars toward the stipend and related payroll taxes and fringe benefits for three secondary school teachers participating in the project.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**July 9, 2020**

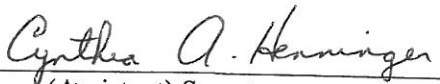
STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
  ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER            )

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on July 9, 2020 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 9th day of July, 2020.

  
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(Assistant) Secretary

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