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September 17, 2024

Honorable City Council Members
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Emergency Restoration & Mold Abatement – Lincoln Avenue Firehouse (Station #1)

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

BACKGROUND

I am writing to bring to your immediate attention the urgent need for mold abatement and emergency repair services at Station #1, Lincoln Avenue Firehouse. A severe water leak has caused extensive damage to multiple areas of the facility, most notably the Commissioner's Office and the Fire Prevention Offices. This issue has become critical, resulting in the relocation of key personnel and services to ensure their safety and operational continuity.

The recent inspection of the site revealed significant mold growth and structural concerns that must be addressed immediately. Furthermore, this location has recently been cited by the Public Employee Safety and Health (PESH) Bureau for violations related to these critical issues, further underscoring the necessity for swift and comprehensive action.

After a thorough review of potential contractors, the Department of Public Works recommends contracting Magna Dry Restoration Services to carry out the mold abatement and emergency repair work. Magna Dry Restoration is a highly reputable company with the expertise and resources to handle situations of this magnitude, located in the City of Mount Vernon.

We are confident that Magna Dry Restoration can quickly and effectively resolve these issues, allowing personnel to return to their workspaces safely and in compliance with all regulatory requirements.

SCOPE OF WORK

Their proposed scope of work includes:

1. Complete mold abatement in all affected areas.
2. Emergency repairs to address water damage and prevent further deterioration.
3. Ensuring compliance with all health and safety regulations as per PESH standards.



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PROCUREMENT POLICY

Section 6. Items Excepted from these Policies and Procedures by the City Council.

B. Emergency Purchases. For purpose of this section, an emergency refers to an occurrence that presents an immediate threat to public property, the life, safety, health, welfare or property of residents or the public, or threatens to curtail or terminate an essential service to residents or the public. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternate proposals may threaten the life, health, safety, property or welfare of the residents or City of Mount Vernon.

FUNDING

The cost of this emergency contract is estimated at **\$85,260.54**, and due to the pressing nature of the situation, we respectfully request the City Council’s approval for this emergency expenditure. Funding is available via ARPA – **H1620.203.C930** – City Owned Property Capital Projects Covid & Operational Compliance.

Ensuring the health and safety of our staff, as well as maintaining the structural integrity of this critical city asset, are of utmost importance.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
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- Cc: Comptroller’s Office
Mount Vernon Fire Department
Local 107 Union
Law Department
Building Maintenance
Engineering Bureau
Contract File