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

Re: Authorization to attend the Public Works Summit, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Friday, November 7, 2025

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

I am respectfully requesting approval for Damani Bush, Commissioner of Public Works to attend the Public Works Summit, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - Friday, November 7, 2025, in Ponte Vedra Beach (Sawgrass), FL. As the Commissioner of Public Works, I believe attending this conference will significantly benefit our municipality in several key areas.

The Public Works Summit is renowned for bringing together leading experts, practitioners, and innovators in the public works sector. The summit is 48 hours of learning, information-sharing and networking. It offers a unique opportunity to learn from peers and suppliers with opportunities to explore partnerships that can help us address our city's challenges more effectively.

Municipal Benefits:

1. **Knowledge and Expertise Gaining:** The conference will provide insights into the latest trends, strategies, and technologies in public works. Attending the sessions and workshops can significantly enhance our understanding and capabilities in managing public works more efficiently and sustainably.
2. **Networking Opportunities:** This event will allow us to connect with other municipalities, technology providers, and policy experts. Networking with peers and industry leaders can open avenues for collaboration and sharing best practices, which is invaluable for our ongoing and future projects.
3. **Innovation and Solutions Exploration:** The expo features cutting-edge solutions and products that can improve city services, reduce costs, and enhance the quality of life for our residents. Exploring these innovations firsthand will enable us to elevate potential technologies and services that could be implemented in our municipality.
4. **Strategic Planning and Development:** Insights gained from the conference can inform our strategic planning process, help us to prioritize investments in infrastructure and technology that align with our long-term vision for a smarter, more connected city.
5. **Enhancing Public service:** By applying learned best practices and technologies, we can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of municipal services, from waste management to water supply and traffic management.

Funding for this summit is at **no cost** to the City of Mount Vernon. All accommodations are fully covered by the Summit host.

Attending the Public Works Summit aligns with our commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in public services. The knowledge, connections, and insights gained from this event will be instrumental in advancing our municipality's public works initiatives and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Respectfully,

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Damani L. Bush  
Commissioner of Public Works  
DB/dg