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

Re: Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – Edison Pump Station Upgrades and Edison Pump Station Equipment Pre-Procurement projects:

- Edison Pump Station Upgrades
- Edison Pump Station Equipment Pre-Procurement

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

**OBJECTIVE.** I am writing to formally request the City Council's authorization to release one Requests for Proposals (RFP) and one Request for Qualifications (RFQ) regarding the Edison Pump Station upgrades. You may recall this project from my briefing of the Council in Work Session, and both the importance of this project and the strict guidelines we are under. Normally, I should think to have one objective per letter, but joined them for reasons of not only brevity, but for ease of understanding.

**BACKGROUND.** The Edison Avenue Pump Station collects wastewater from five properties, mainly consisting of industrial businesses. The City is required through a Consent Decree between the City, Environmental Protection Agency, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Department of Justice for illicit discharges to the Bronx and Hutchinson Rivers (Case 7:18-cv-05845-CS).

The upgrades to this pump station are required due to historic sanitary sewer overflows that discharged to the storm sewer system and eventually to the Hutchinson River. It also requires raising pump station controls and emergency generator out of the 100-year flood plain. The work must be completed by June 30, 2025. If the City fails to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree the City could be subjected to civil and stipulated penalties. Due to the long lead times, the City will need to pre-purchase the equipment for the upgrades.

As such, as stated in objective, we seek herein to ask to work in parallel with one RFB and one RFQ, with the City of Mount Vernon purchasing the specific items/tools/equipment/parts needed, while simultaneously seeking qualifications from construction firms with the specified intent of using the materials purchased by the City.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.** The RFP will be for the pre-procurement of equipment for Edison Ave Pump Station upgrades and the other for a construction firm to complete the pump station upgrades. The Edison Pump Station Equipment Pre-Procurement RFP will include the procurement of: (1) two submersible pumps with controls; (2) a standby generator; (3) a new manhole inline grinder; and (4) a platform to raise the new generator and electrical controls 6-feet to be above the flood plain.

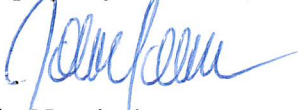
**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS.** Edison Pump Station Upgrades RFQ is to select a qualified construction firm for completing the pump station upgrades.

**FUNDING.** This project is eligible for funding through the **2021 NYSDEC Water Quality Improvement Project grant** and **NYSEFC grant funding**.

In the interest of both urgency/time and importance, I respectfully request/urge the City Council to approve this communicate so we can promptly move forward with this essential infrastructure project.

Thank you, yet again and as usual, for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

cc: A. City Engineer  
B. Grants Department  
C. Contract File