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

Re: Arcadis Uninterrupted Consent Order Compliance Services

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

1. **SITUATION.** We are at a critical point in our Infrastructure Corrective and Preventative Maintenance Program, especially with respect to our Stormwater and Wastewater Program, and obligations to the funding sources and oversight of NYS agencies, USEPA and Consent Decrees from Federal Court.

2. **PURPOSE.** After conferring, and all being in agreement, with both the NYSDEC and the EFC, I am writing to formally request legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Arcadis of New York, Inc. (Arcadis), for continued engineering, technical, and advisory services in support of the City and to facilitate an orderly and seamless transition of work from Arcadis to Woodard and Curran, and to provide continued access to Arcadis for professional services to help mitigate risk of violation and to help ensure a smooth transition of Program activities.

The City of Mount Vernon (City) entered into an engineering agreement with Arcadis on December 21, 2021, which has been extended through amendments and is scheduled to expire on March 15, 2026. Arcadis developed and has been implementing the City's program to satisfy the Consent Decree (Case 7:18-cv-05845-CS) between the City and the United States of America, State of New York, and Basil Seggos, as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, since inception. Arcadis is currently named in the Consent Decree as the City's Engineering Expert and Financial Expert and is actively completing work with time sensitive deadlines, and failure to meet these deadlines will result in violation and substantial stipulated penalties for the City.

The City approved an ordinance to enter into a Professional Services Agreement January 28, 2026 with the engineering firm Woodard and Curran, whom will be taking over Arcadis' role as the City's engineering consultant.

3. **REQUEST.** The Department of Public Works has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to enter into a Master Services Agreement with Arcadis for continued engineering, technical, and advisory services in support of the City and to facilitate an orderly and seamless transition of work from Arcadis to Woodard and Curran, and to provide continued access to Arcadis for professional services to help mitigate risk of violation and to help ensure a smooth transition of Program activities. Through its role as the City's Engineering Expert and Financial Expert Arcadis has acquired unique knowledge and has unique capabilities and insights that may be needed by the City to maintain compliance and support continued activities associated with the City's infrastructure, capital improvement, and clean water initiatives.

4. **JUSTIFICATION/DISCUSSION.** The six immediate areas in which we anticipate to require assistance during this *left seat / right seat transition* would be: (1) meetings and correspondence; (2) an ongoing nearly completed and project (Edison Ave Pump Station); (3) the year two Corrective Action Plan (SSES due date of March 30, 2026); (4) construction administration handoff; (5) bid document development for *Outfall 24*; and (6) transition assistance re: technology. Please see attached for reference.

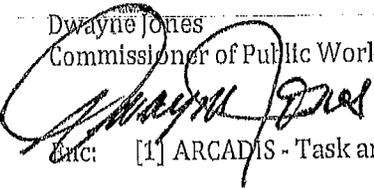
Myself and my Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, along with colleagues (funding sources) and oversight at the State level, believe that this is the most cost-effective way to transition between companies.

Task Order #1 of the agreement will be in the amount of \$315,800, with a completion date of June 30, 2026. The Master Services Agreement will allow for engagement of Arcadis through future Task Orders if such need arises and to the extent such engagement supports the City's continued efforts to achieve its infrastructure, capital improvement, and clean water initiatives.

4. The proposed Master Services Agreement will have a termination date of December 31 2026, and will ensure continuity, stability, and effective long-term planning and project delivery. The total authorization for this agreement shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) over the contract term, with funding to be drawn from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (\$150 Million Allocated) H8120.203C937, H8120.203C941 and H8140.203C938.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

  
Dwayne Jones  
Commissioner of Public Works

  
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Deputy Commissioner of Public Works

Enc: [1] ARCADIS - Task and Letter

Cc: City Engineer  
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Contract File