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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) – Design and Construction Inspection Services for the following City-Owned Bridge Rehabilitation Projects:

- S. Fulton Avenue Bridge (BIN: 2225220) – Year Built 1912
- East 3rd Street Bridge (BIN: 2225230) – Year Built 1912

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to formally request the City Council's authorization to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an engineering firm to provide Design and Construction Inspection Services for the full rehabilitation of the S. Fulton Avenue (BIN: 2225220) and E. 3rd Street Bridge (BIN: 2225230).

The rehabilitation of these bridges is critical to ensuring the safety and reliability of our city's infrastructure. As you are aware, these bridges play a vital role in our transportation network, serving both emergency vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The current condition of the bridges necessitates comprehensive rehabilitation to address structural deficiencies, enhance safety measures, and improve overall functionality. Over the past few years, the city has received several Red Flag Violations from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), thus prompting the closure of this main thoroughfare. Over the past twelve (12) months, the City has completed the necessary debris removal underneath the structure of the bridges to enable a complete inspection of the apparatus structure and prepare for the upcoming engineering reports to be completed.

The proposed project is eligible for reimbursable funding via the **NYSDOT BridgeNY Program (see attached award letter)**. To move forward with this project and to comply with state and local procurement policies, it is essential to engage a qualified engineering firm that can provide the necessary design and construction inspection services. These services are crucial to developing a comprehensive plan for the rehabilitation, ensuring adherence to all regulatory requirements, and overseeing the project's successful completion.



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Releasing an RFP at this time will allow us to solicit proposals from experienced engineering firms capable of meeting our project's specific needs. The selected firm will be responsible for conducting a detailed assessment of the current bridge conditions, designing the required improvements, and providing construction inspection services throughout the rehabilitation process.

I urge the City Council to approve this request so we can promptly move forward with this essential infrastructure project. Your support is vital to ensuring the safety and functionality of our city's transportation network and the efficient use of available state funding.

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

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
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