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Honorable City Council Members  
City of Mount Vernon  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
*Through the Office of the Mayor*

### **RE: Drone as First Responder Contract with Motorola Solutions**

Honorable Members of the City Council,

I respectfully submit this referral requesting authorization to enter a contract with Motorola Solutions for a 'Drone as a First Responder' program for the City of Mount Vernon.

The Mount Vernon Police Department, through Motorola Solutions, seeks to deploy a single site 'Drone as a First Responder' capability through Motorola Solutions, in partnership with BRINC. This 'Drone as a First Responder' program would place an unmanned aircraft in service, under the direction and control of Mount Vernon Police Officers. The Drone reaches scenes in seconds and can stream live video to Officers before officers arrive, which would significantly increase situational awareness for responding Officer. Agencies using this 'Drone as a First Responder' program report average on scene visibility in roughly 70 seconds and the resolution of approximately 25 percent of calls without sending patrol units. Technology allows supervisors to assess threats, direct responding units, and de-escalating encounters before officers make contact.

These outcomes reduce response times, improve officer safety, and support better decisions during rapidly evolving incidents through increased overall situational awareness. The program details, pricing structure, and operational scope are outlined in the attached Motorola Solutions proposal.

This proposed agreement and pricing structure presents limited fiscal risk. The first year carries no cost to the City, meaning that there will be no fiscal cost that comes out of the 2026 City Operations Budget. Additionally, this agreement would include all of the required equipment and software, training for Officers, and support from Motorola. The City retains the right to

terminate during this initial period with no cost at all to the City, as long as we notify Motorola of our intent to terminate the agreement within 30 days of the subscription renewal. Annual subscription costs of \$79,999 begin in year two (2027) and are fixed at \$79,999 through year six.

The agreement is available through an existing Sourcewell cooperative contract (030425-MOT) which streamlines procurement. As a result of this being available on Sourcewell, I am requesting an exemption to the traditional multiple quote competitive bidding process. In addition, this program has already been vetted for procurement by Rockland County.

Operationally, the system integrates with existing Motorola public safety platforms used by the City, namely the AWARE public safety platform. It supports real-time video, two-way audio communication as well as thermal imaging which would assist not only the Police Department, but the Fire Department as well.

This referral seeks City Council approval to authorize the enter into a contract Motorola Solutions for this program. This approval would approve the City of Mount Vernon to pilot a proven public safety tool with no first-year cost while maintaining full operational oversight of the Drone program.

I am available to brief the Council and answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D/Chief G. Addison".

Gregory Addison  
Deputy Chief