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March 17, 2025

Honorable City Council Members
City of Mount Vernon
1 Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

RE: Request Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Software-as-a-Service Agreement with Simsi, Inc. for CAD and RMS Software for a Three Year period for approval at the March 26, 2025 City Council Meeting

Honorable Councilmembers:

This Department of Public Safety requests the Honorable Members of the City Council to approve legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a three-year agreement with **Simsi, Inc.** for software licensing.

Simsi software, specifically Simsi RTMDx, is a crime prevention and operational tool for law enforcement that uses Risk Terrain Modeling (RTM) to analyze crime patterns and identify environmental conditions contributing to crime problems, focusing on places rather than people. Simsi identifies spatial patterns in public safety issues, determines why problems emerge or persist, and engages in who is best prepared to address them. This software is highly adaptable for both our current GIVE Grant firearms related crime reduction initiative as well as our upcoming AWARE Room Citywide video surveillance room.

The period of coverage of this **36-month contract is April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2028**. The annual cost for the software will be **$16,000 a year for each of the 3 years**, coming to a total of **$48,000**. The annual payments will be made utilizing funds from the GIVE Grant. The GIVE XI Grant is on for approval by the City Council on March 26, 2025,and future versions of the GIVE Grant are expected to continue in the years of 2026, 2027 and 2028. The Department will ensure that the budget for SIMSI is in the future GIVE Grants.

On April 24, 2024, the Honorable Council did approve an ordinance updating the City of Mount Vernon's Procurement procedures. Section 6, titled 'Sole Source', defines 'sole source' as 'a procurement in which only one offeror is capable of supplying the required commodities or service and no substantial equivalent exists. This software service is in the public's interest and is available

from only one source, for which there is no equivalent. The New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services' Office of Program Development and Funding has determined that the requested Simsi Inc. software does qualify as 'Sole Source' due to the specialization of the software's capabilities. As a result, the customized software that the Department is requesting is only available from Simsi, Inc.

The cost for this contract renewal will be **$16,000.00 for each of the three years/ 36 months of the contract** and will be funded utilizing funds from the GIVE Grant program (Revenue code A 3389.3) from an appropriation code to be determined by the Finance Department.

If this request meets the approval of your Honorable Body, please enact legislation granting this approval.

Sincerely,

David Gibson
Commissioner of Public Safety

Attachments:
-NYS DCJS ODPF Sole Source Exemption Request
- SIMSI Inc. Software-as-a-Service Agreement (draft)
- NYS Office of the State Comptroller-Bureau of Contracts Vendor Responsibility Profile

CC: Mayor
Comptroller
Law Department