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February 4, 2025

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

Re: Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project – Equipment Procurement (Contract 12232024)

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am writing to formally request the City Council's authorization to award an agreement to the lowest responsible bidder for the Edison Avenue Pump Station Upgrade Project – Equipment Procurement (Contract 12232024).

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.

The public bid advertisement for the above referenced contract was placed by the City on January 2, 2025. One bid was received on January 27, 2025, in response to the advertisement for equipment procurement. This contract includes the procurement of two submersible pumps with controls, a standby generator, a new manhole inline grinder, and a platform to raise the new generator and electrical controls 6-feet to be above the flood plain. The apparent low bidder Mace Contracting, with a total bid of \$475,000 for the Equipment Procurement. The City's consulting engineer, Arcadis of New York Inc., was given the task of reviewing bids, checking references, and confirming the staff qualifications provided meet the minimum requirements of the technical specifications. The bid evaluation is provided with this request.

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This project is eligible for funding through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant H8120.203 C957 EQUIP and H3990 C957 State Aid Sewer.

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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City Engineer

Grants Department

Contract File