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

Re: **Amendment of FEMA-4615-DR-NY – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project #4615-0004  
CMVNY Third & South Columbus Avenues Flood Mitigation to move to Capital Projects**

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

**1. PURPOSE.** This memo is to impart a selection/determination by Public Works regarding the Study of the South Third & South Columbus Avenues Flood Mitigation.

**2. BACKGROUND.** This intersection, and area, underwent an explosion caused by water pressure in the manhole. Since then, a retention area has been added to an adjacent property, and the addition of new structures acting as a sump. The issues are: (1) at high tide the entire outfall pipe is submerged, preventing outfall/run; and (2) with the change in storms in recent years (more volume of downfall at a much shorter amount of time), we still are forced to close the road during storms. We have been awarded 950,000 USD from Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Project under the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to conduct a much-needed study of the intersection, outfall, structures/sub-structures, surrounding areas and watershed.

**3. ANALYSIS.** Our decision was based on several key factors, as follows: (1) understanding of work to be done; (2) experience with similar projects as relatable to our needs of the instant matter; (3) quality of proposed staff; (4) familiarity with state and federal requirements; (S) organization and financial responsibility; and [6] logistics posture regarding familiarity with the area.

**4. SELECTION.** When placing the technical proposals in juxtaposition with each other as well as our analytical criterion, the Department of Public Works has identified Woodard & Curran as the most qualified firm to meet the needs of the City of Mount Vernon's upcoming project.

We would like to amend to accept this grant for capital projects account H 4097 C966 (Federal Aid Capital Projects) and H8140.203 C966 for revenues and expenditures, respectively.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully,

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