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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 Release of RFQ No. 07.25 – Professional Engineering Services

Dear Honorable Council Members,

I am writing to respectfully request your approval for the public release of **RFQ No. 07.25 – Professional Engineering Services for the Planning, Design and Construction Phase Services of Drinking Water, Sewer, Storm Sewer and Infrastructure.**

As you are aware, the City of Mount Vernon is under a Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address longstanding violations of the Clean Water Act. In response, the city is aggressively pursuing solutions to bring our infrastructure systems into full compliance. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is leading these efforts, and timely access to specialized engineering expertise is critical to ensuring that we meet the obligations and deadlines outlined in the Consent Decree.

This Request for Qualifications seeks to engage qualified professional engineering firms to support the Department of Public Works in delivering critical infrastructure improvements across the city, including compliance with regulatory mandates, implementation of capital upgrades, and support for ongoing water, wastewater, and stormwater system operations. The services outlined in the RFQ are essential to maintain and enhance the safety, reliability, and environmental compliance of Mount Vernon's infrastructure systems.

The selected firm(s) will provide services including but not limited to:

- Engineering design and construction oversight
- Sewer system rehabilitation and flood mitigation
- Lead service line program implementation
- MS4 compliance and public education
- Regulatory coordination and reporting
- Infrastructure asset management and planning

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In alignment with the City's commitment to equity and inclusion, the RFQ promotes participation of certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) and sets a target goal of 20% MWBE engagement. Attached for your review is the full RFQ document.

Respectfully,

Damani L. Bush
Commissioner of Public Works
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Cc: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
New York State Environmental Facilities Conservation
Comptrollers' Office
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