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Detroit Water and Sewerage Department  
Board of Water Commissioners  
735 Randolph Street  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Via Hand-Delivery

Re: Proposed Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) **Contract No. CS-1812**  
"Capital Improvement Program Management Organization"

Subject: Notice of Protest of Award

Dear Board of Water Commissioners:

On February 15, 2017, the Detroit Community Infrastructure Partners received the DWSD's notice that our firm was not the highest ranked proposer, and that AECOM has been selected for negotiations.

As the DWSD's notice did not identify the specific grounds for determining that AECOM ranked higher than the Detroit Community Infrastructure Partners, it is impossible to determine if the competitive solicitation process was in compliance with the DWSD's Procurement Policy.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 7(A) of the DWSD's Procurement Policy, the Detroit Community Infrastructure Partners, as a bidder and rate payer, protests the award of Contract No. CS-1812, "Capital Improvement Program Management Organization" to AECOM.

The basis of the protest is the complete lack of any information regarding the specific grounds for determining that AECOM was the highest ranked proposer. Therefore,

- 1) It is impossible to determine if the other bidders were treated fairly and
- 2) It is impossible to determine if the rate payers (customers of DWSD) received the most competitive proposal.

Pursuant to Section 7(B) of the Procurement Policy, the DWSD Director is to immediately halt the processing of the contract award until this protest is resolved.

Please be advised that we will be submitting a formal request for additional information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the selection process and reserve the right to supplement this protest based upon information received from that FOIA request.

We thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Sincerely,

Detroit Community Infrastructure Partners

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nils Vitso", is written over a blue ink scribble.

Nils Vitso  
Assistant Vice President