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Statement on the Interim Suspension of Inner City Contracting, LLC (ICC), Curtis Johnson, Laura Durocher, and Gerald Durocher, II. (REVISED)

On February 24, 2022, the OIG received a complaint that alleged that Inner City Contracting (ICC) submitted fraudulent documentation to the Civil Rights Inclusion and Opportunity Department (CRIO) which resulted in ICC being awarded Detroit Based Business (DBB), Detroit Small Business (DSB), and Detroit Headquartered Business (DHB) certifications. It was further alleged that the certifications resulted in ICC being awarded demolition contracts set aside for companies that legitimately met the qualifications for the CRIO certifications. After four months into the investigation, based on the information collected and documents obtained and reviewed by the Office of Inspector General (OIG), the OIG is issuing interim suspensions to Inner City Contracting, LLC (ICC), Curtis Johnson, Laura Durocher, and Gerald Durocher, II.

As an agency that is mandated by the Charter to ensure honesty and integrity in City government, including government contracting, we find it is in the public interest to suspend the above-referenced parties from conducting further business with the City and not be awarded additional contracts pending the finalization of the OIG's investigation. Therefore, by the authority vested in the Inspector General pursuant to the City Charter and Sections 18-11-1 and 18-11-10 (a) and (b) of the City's Debarment Ordinance, the interim suspensions are effective as of today.

The suspensions are based on the conduct of ICC; and, the actions taken and not taken by Mr. Johnson and Ms. Durocher, as the co-owners of the ICC and Mr. Durocher, as the Director of Operations for the ICC.

The interim suspensions being issued are for the lesser of 90 calendar days or until the Inspector General makes a final determination with respect to debarments in accordance with Section 18-11-10(b) of the Debarment Ordinance.



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Because this investigation is still open and the OIG has not yet finalized its debarment report pending the formal responses of the affected parties, the OIG cannot make any further comments pursuant to the City's Charter, at this time.

Lastly, the OIG reminds all City contractors to act as responsible parties, as the OIG will hold all contractors accountable for their actions and/or inactions in violation of the law, including City's Ordinances and applicable Executive Orders, as well as the terms of their respective agreements with the City.

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