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**Statement on the Final Investigative Report for** **Inner City Contracting, LLC (ICC), and the Rescission of the Interim Suspensions of** **ICC, Curtis Johnson, Laura Durocher, and Gerald Durocher, II.**

The City of Detroit Office of Inspector General (OIG) is issuing its Final Investigative Report regarding Inner City Contracting, LLC (ICC). Concurrent with the report, effective today, September 13, 2022, the OIG is also rescinding the Interim Suspensions it issued to ICC, Curtis Johnson, Laura Durocher, and Gerald Durocher, II (the parties) on June 21, 2022, based on the following reasons.

On February 24, 2022, the OIG received a complaint that alleged that Inner City Contracting (ICC) submitted fraudulent information and 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 4 months of investigation with less than ideal cooperation, the OIG issued interim suspensions to the parties pursuant to the City’s Debarment Ordinance, based on the information collected and analyzed by the OIG at that time.

After the OIG issued the interim suspensions, the parties began to fully cooperate with the OIG investigation. They submitted detailed and timely written responses and produced hundreds of pages of documents, much of which was previously requested by the OIG but not submitted previously. The parties also requested an administrative hearing pursuant to the City’s Charter and the OIG’s Administrative Hearing Rules. The hearing was held on July 26, 2022.

Based on all evidence and information collected and analyzed by the OIG, we now find that ICC did not fraudulently obtain DHB, DBB, or DSB certifications from CRIO. As such, ICC shall now be eligible to have their bids considered by the City of Detroit and may be awarded City of Detroit contracts. ICC may also serve as a subcontractor or as a goods, services, or materials supplier for any contract. Inspector General Ha summarized the conclusion of the investigation,

“Ensuring honesty and integrity does not mean that we find abuse, waste, fraud, and corruption in every investigation we conduct. It is important that the public, including City contractors, understand and trust that the OIG’s investigative process is fair. However, fairness cannot be achieved without the full cooperation of all parties involved in the investigative process. This investigation serves as a prime example of the value of that cooperation.”

The complete Final Report can be reviewed at <https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2022-09/22-0003-INV%20Final%20Report%20w%20Attachments.pdf>

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