



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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Memorandum

TO: David Whitaker, Legislative Policy Division
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THROUGH: Mary Sheffield, City Council President
FROM: Mary Waters, Councilmember At-Large
RE: Questions RE: City of Detroit Demolitions

- When and why was the demolition trial program initiated?
- What were the qualifications to place demolition vendors under this program?
- If the demolition vendors didn't meet your guidelines under RFQ 183174,1, why are they placed in the program?
- Since the trial period began, how many demolition contractors have been placed in the program?
- What are the names of the demolition vendors placed under the demolition trial period and how long have they been in this program?
- How many of these demolition vendors under this trial program are certified under CRIO as:
 - Detroit based business.
 - Detroit headquartered business.
 - Detroit resident-based business.
 - Detroit based small business.
 - Detroit based micro business.
 - Women-owned business enterprise
 - Minority -owned business enterprise
- How many bids were put out under the trial program within the last year?
- How many contracts were awarded under this trial program within the last year?
- How many demolition vendors have participated in this trial program within the last year?

- Who are the demolition vendors that are currently in this trial period?
- When did the requirements for RFQ SQM 183174,1 change regarding the qualifications?
- What exactly is the meaning of the Detroit demolition experience?
- Are the qualifications below in effect any longer?
 - In order to bid a demolition contractor has to have demolished 5 structures within the last 5 years: see all 4 categories below:
 - Emergency residential (5 structures)
 - Planned residential (20 structures)
 - Emergency commercials (5 structures)
 - Planned commercial (5 structures)
- When were the qualifications for the Detroit demolition experience changed?
- Are all demolition vendors in the trial period? Regardless to how many structures they have demolished in Michigan?
- Please confirm: is it true that a contractor who hasn't demolished a structure in Detroit but have worked all throughout the state of Michigan and has demolished over 20 structures within the last 5 years, are they qualified to bid under the trial program because they haven't worked in Detroit?
- Is there a difference between demolition work done in Detroit vs any other cities in Michigan? Aren't all demolitions done by state and city licensed demolition contractors who follow all state and city ordinances and scopes of services?
- What is the OCP's process to notify all vendors of the changes that were made regarding the Detroit demolition experience under the trial period?
- Did OCP inform the vendors of the new qualifications for the trial program had changed?
- How long does a demolition vendor have to participate in the trial program before they can bid on any other demolition work?
- What advantages are given to a new business starting up or a Detroit micro-business under this trial program?
- What community outreach done to help the demolition vendors that are already under this trial program to be able to advance?