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TO: Angela Whitfield-Calloway District 2 Councilmember

THROUGH: City Council President Mary Sheffield

Re: Questions Regarding Contract 6006806 – Sonya DZines Custom Couture

During the City Council of the Whole meeting on February 4, 2025, the Office of Contracting and Procurement received the questions regarding Contract No. 6006806 with Sonya DZines Custom Couture. We appreciate the opportunity to provide additional information and address your concerns. Below are our responses to your inquiries:

This request was solicited multiple times beginning May of last year. Between each solicitation, additional outreach and advertising were done to try to obtain a qualified local tailor who would be able to assist the Police Department with their needs. We used social media, cold calling local tailors, and additional research on possible shops that would be able to assist. This bid was sent to over 330 companies both local and out of state. This list was generated by the supplier self-selected commodity codes chosen when a vendor registers to do business with the City of Detroit. We often add additional companies, but we don't remove any. It is best to cast as wide a net as possible. Unfortunately, we only received one viable bid with our last solicitation. There was one additional respondent, but they failed to provide pricing.

Sonya DZines Custom Couture is owned and operated by Sonya Timmon, a Detroit born and raised entrepreneur now residing in Eastpoint. This is a Small, Minority, Woman, and Disability owned company, and Ms. Timmon is now in the process of applying for the appropriate certifications. Sonya DZines Custom Couture currently has a contract with a uniform company and several designers both in and out of the City of Detroit.

I have attached the bidders list and a copy of the solicitation per your request.

Respectfully submitted,

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