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## **County Executive**

November 29, 2012

Tracey Balint, P.E. Public Utilities Engineer City of Rochester Hills 1000 Rochester Hills Drive Rochester Hills, MI 48309

RE: Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project Round XI, Part "A" Grant Program for Combined and Sanitary Sewer Overflow Control Activities Rochester Hills Rouge District Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project (RXIA-07)

Dear Ms. Balint:

Enclosed is the proposed interagency agreement (IAA) between Wayne County and the City of Rochester Hills. This agreement will provide federal grant funds for the project titled "Rochester Hills Rouge District Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation" under the Round XIA subgrant program of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project (Rouge Project). Please review this agreement and its attachments. If the agreement is acceptable as presented, please have the appropriate official sign three copies and return them to Mr. Razik Alsaigh at the following address:

Mr. Razik Alsaigh Wayne County Department of Public Services Water Quality Management Division 400 Monroe, Suite 400 Detroit, Michigan 48226

Upon receipt of the signed agreement from your office, our department will forward the agreement to the Wayne County Executive office for review and approval. After signature by Wayne County, we will return one copy of the executed agreement for your records.

Please note that Article 8.2 of the IAA project specifies that your community remain a member in good standing of the ARC for the duration of the agreement. If your community chooses not to remain an ARC member during the term of the inter-agency agreement, Wayne County may terminate the agreement before project completion.

We would like to bring to your attention the final project summary report mentioned in article 1.3 of the IAA. This report should be completed at the end of the project. An important aspect of this report is the project evaluation. The evaluation should assess the project in terms of benefits to the Rouge River, project costs, and overall effectiveness of the project. Please work

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with Mr. Alsaigh to identify the details required to complete the final project summary report and the project progress update schedule.

Also, please note article 3.1 of the IAA, which specifies that modifications to the internal distribution of monies allocated among project elements are only allowed upon written agreement of Wayne County. Such request should be made <u>prior</u> to expenditure of any funds related to the proposed modification. Similarly, per article 19.1, requests for changes to the project schedule must also be by written agreement between your organization and Wayne County.

You should carefully review all provisions of the Rouge Project IAA. Recent changes to this document from previous versions include but are not limited to:

- Article 6.4 of the IAA, which specifies **revised fair share goals** for the Rouge Project grant under which this subgrant is funded. The federal regulation regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) has been changed and some firms that were considered as DBEs under the old regulation may not qualify as DBEs under the new regulation. All DBE contractors must be certified by Wayne County or an appropriate agency as specified by the Michigan Unified Certification Program (MUCP) (see http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9625\_21539\_23108---,00.html). The DBE firm must also be certified as a MBE/WBE by Wayne County or the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- Articles 6.11 and 6.12 of the IAA, which clarify the procurement and contractual requirements for the Rouge Grant per the 40 CFR 31.

Your project schedule is shown on page 2 of the Attachment "A" to the IAA and all project costs should be incurred and project deliverables completed before January 30, 2014. Please note that because the federal grant which is providing funding for this IAA is closing in 2014, the completion date for this IAA is firm and cannot be extended.

If you would like to discuss any of the provisions of this agreement, please call Mr. Razik Alsaigh at (313) 967-2283.

Thank you for your participation in the Rouge River Round XI-Part A subgrant program for activities to control combined and sanitary sewer overflows. We look forward to working together to restore the beneficial uses of the Rouge River.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Cave, P.E.

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Director, Water Quality Management Division

cc: Razik Alsaigh, WOMD