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**PUBLIC LETTER CONCERNING POTENTIAL OPSO USE OF BRASS ERP SYSTEM**

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) provides an independent and objective assessment of government policies, programs, and operations by conducting audits, evaluations, and investigations. The purpose of this letter is to mitigate waste and promote efficiency concerning the potential benefits of OPSO using the City's existing procurement platform, BRASS. OPSO using BRASS would increase transparency and likely save the City money, while still allowing OPSO to maintain its independent financials.

Prior to public release, the OIG sent a copy of this letter to OPSO for its response. OPSO's response is attached to our letter in its entirety.

*OPSO receives more than 70 % of its budget from the City, totaling \$56 million of the agency's \$77 million budget for 2023. OPSO's plan to issue an RFP for their Financial/Administration software package and allow "read-only" access to the City will address some of the concerns presented in this letter. Increased transparency and accountability between OPSO and the City Council will help ensure that public funds are spent in an efficient and effective manner. We look forward to the issuance of an RFP and timely implementation of a more effective OPSO financial management system.*

*Edward Michel, Inspector General*

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