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Dear Mr. Norton:

On March 28, 2017, MassDEP announced Tighe & Bond as the successful bidder to work with MassDEP on the project entitled, "Enhancing Resilience and Emergency Preparedness of Water Utilities through Improved Mapping." Tighe & Bond will be assisting MassDEP with a statewide mapping inventory and performing specific Geographic Information Services (GIS) mapping for prioritized water utilities, as well as developing a statewide GIS datalayer of community Public Water System (PWS) interconnections. PWS cooperation is imperative to successful results for this project, especially with regard to the GIS mapping services and interconnections datalayer development since all work must be completed by June 30, 2017.

Interconnections are an important PWS component, particularly during emergency events; however, historically, detailed information about them has not been well documented by MassDEP, and interconnections are not a specific element within the Annual Statistical Report (ASR) thus not routinely updated. Therefore, Tighe & Bond will be using a MassDEP generated table of basic interconnection data, which will require PWS assistance for physical location confirmation and additional attribute data collection, such as type of interconnection and meter status. This information will be used by MassDEP to better assist PWSs with improved response and resiliency during emergencies, identify potential interconnection upgrades that may be essential for proper operation, and assist in prioritizing PWSs for future infrastructure improvement opportunities.

This letter serves to identify Tighe & Bond, and its representatives, as contractors to MassDEP in order to provide assurances to PWS staff that Tighe & Bond is working as an agent of MassDEP through June 30, 2017. As such, all information collected as part of this project will be properly secured with limited/restricted access both internally and externally, including an exclusion from public disclosure pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4, §7, Clause 26(n), the Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002 (6 C.F.R. Part 29), and/or Chemical Vulnerability Terrorism Information (6 C.F. R. 27.400 ff).

For further information, please contact Kristin Divris of MassDEP's Water Utility Resilience Program (WURP) at 508-849-4028 or Kristin.Divris@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

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