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Statement on the Interim Suspension of Lucas Enterprises, Incorporated and Michael Lucas

On February 24, 2025, the OIG received a complaint alleging that Lucas Enterprises, Incorporated and Michael Lucas are using a debarred contractor, violating the Debarment Ordinance. Our preliminary review confirmed that evidence shows a debarred contractor is involved with and/or has an interest in Lucas Enterprises, Incorporated.

Pursuant to Section 17-5-363 of the Debarment Ordinance, when an individual is debarred, no company they have an interest in can do business with the City of Detroit as a contractor or subcontractor for the length of debarment.

As an agency that is mandated by the Charter to ensure honesty and integrity in City government and government contracting, we find it is in the public interest to suspend the above-referenced parties from conducting further business with the City. Furthermore, they cannot be awarded additional contracts pending the finalization of the OIG's investigation. Therefore, by the authority vested in the Inspector General pursuant to the City Charter and Sections 17-5-351 and 17-5-360 (a) and (b) of the City's Debarment Ordinance, the interim suspensions are effective as of today, February 25, 2025.

The interim suspensions being issued are for the lesser of 90 calendar days or until the Inspector General makes a final determination regarding debarments. Because this investigation is still open and the OIG has not yet finalized its debarment report, the OIG cannot make any further comments on this matter pursuant to the City's Charter, at this time.

Lastly, the OIG reminds all City contractors to act as responsible parties, as the OIG will hold all contractors accountable for their actions and/or inactions in violation of the law, including the City's Ordinances and applicable Executive Orders, as well as the terms of their respective agreements with the City.

The OIG's complete Debarment List may be found online at
https://detroitmi.gov/sites/detroitmi.localhost/files/2025-02/OIG%20Debarment%20List%2025Feb25_0.pdf

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