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Mr. W. Martin Morics, Comptroller  
 City of Milwaukee  
 City Hall – Room 404

**Re: Audit of Police 3<sup>rd</sup> District Station/Data Communications Center**

Dear Comptroller Morics:

I am herewith requesting you to perform an audit of all expenditures to-date relating to construction of the Milwaukee Police Department's new 3<sup>rd</sup> District Station/Data Communications Center.

As you may recall, the initial estimate for construction of a new Police Data Communications Center (DCC) began with \$16 million in 1995. The new 3<sup>rd</sup> District Station was added to the DCC project, and by 2001 the combined price tag was estimated at approximately \$44 million. The 2002 Adopted City Budget provides an additional \$5 million for the project, bringing the total to about \$50 million, and it appears likely that additional funding will be needed to fully complete the project.

While the funding increases related to this combined project required Common Council approval, a detailed professional audit by your office is requisite to determining the factual causes of the cost increases, and the decisions made by those directly responsible for design and management of the project.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Michael J. Murphy*  
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