



# Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation

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## PROPOSED RESOLUTION

### AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NYPD FOR THE ISLAND-WIDE CAMERA SECURITY INITIATIVE

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**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation of the State of New York, as follows:

- Section 1. that RIOC is hereby authorized to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with NYPD for the Island-Wide Camera Security Initiative, upon such terms and conditions substantially similar to those outlined in the Memorandum from Kevin Brown to Shelton J. Haynes/RIOC Board of Directors dated May 16, 2023, attached hereto;
- Section 2. that the President/Chief Executive Officer or President's designee is hereby authorized to take such actions and execute such instruments as deemed necessary to effectuate the foregoing; and
- Section 3. that this resolution shall take effect immediately.



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### MEMO

**TO:** Shelton J. Haynes, President & CEO  
Board of Directors

**FROM:** Kevin Brown, Chief of the Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department

**DATE:** May 16, 2023

**RE:** Authorization to enter in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New York Police Department (NYPD)

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#### Background

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Capital Planning & Projects and IT departments were tasked with analyzing existing fiber-optic infrastructure and providing recommendations on improvements needed to install two-way communication kiosks around the island, such as the Blue Light system seen on the Cornell Tech campus. The goal was to replace the existing, non-functioning FDNY emergency kiosks with an upgraded system. The team was also tasked with finding examples of other towns that are implementing such kiosks.

RIOC's team discovered that the existing infrastructure requires upgrades to ensure that all RIOC facilities and open spaces are connected to the same network and are operating with improved connectivity. And, it was further discovered that the current Public Safety Department (PSD) video management system should also be upgraded to support the kiosk infrastructure.

#### Upgrade to the Genetec system

Genetec is a leading Video Management System and Access Control System platform with a focus on maintaining seamless integration with all kinds of security systems. Genetec engineers are consistently improving and pioneering the Security industry in terms of software and hardware, offering specialized solutions for schools, transportation, housing and much more. Genetec's partnership with federal, state, and local governments allows for a great relationship with local Police Departments, allowing for prompt and efficient case studies. Genetec is widely recognized as among the most secure VMS platforms and widely accredited by internet security platforms. To that end, RIOC has decided to replace its current camera system - the Bosch Camera System, with Genetec. Genetec's video surveillance, access control, and license plate recognition features that will enhance the camera system on Roosevelt Island and will optimize PSD

operations and provide insight into areas such as traffic flow and crowd management for the safety of residents and visitors alike.

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) also uses the Genetec camera system as part of a larger developed network called the Domain Awareness System (DAS). DAS is an important part of the NYPD's integrated approach to providing protection for those who work, live, and visit New York City. Indeed, DAS helps to ensure public safety and security and to detect, deter, and prevent potential terrorist activities around New York. DAS is also a counterterrorism tool designed to:

- Facilitate the observation of pre-operational activity by terrorist organizations or their agents,
- Aid in detecting preparations to conduct terrorist attacks,
- Deter terrorist attacks,
- Provide a degree of common domain awareness for all stakeholders, and
- Reduce incident response times.

Given the newly realized compatibility that RIOCC cameras will have with those used by the NYPD, RIOCC would now like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the NYPD to allow members of the department to remotely view video footage from RIOCC's cameras. Currently, when the NYPD seeks to obtain a video from RIOCC, the footage must be physically retrieved from PSD. With this MOU, the NYPD will have remote access to RIOCC's video footage and RIOCC's cameras will be integrated into the NYPD DAS system. The NYPD will take all appropriate technological, physical, administrative, procedural, and personnel measures to protect the confidentiality and integrity of all sensitive data, whether in transit or in storage. And, the NYPD will purchase and install all of the equipment necessary to connect to RIOCC's cameras. In addition, the NYPD will cover equipment costs, installation costs, and maintenance of their system.

### **Recommendation**

Based on the above, I recommend that the Board approve the request to allow RIOCC to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the NYPD.