



Ollie Tyler
Mayor of Shreveport
505 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

Jerry Bowman
Chairman Shreveport City Council
505 Travis Street
Shreveport, LA 71101

**Re: Non-Binding Letter of Interest
Gateway Development Consortium Proposed Cross Bayou Point**

Dear Mayor Tyler and Chairman Bowman,

The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) has embraced the concept currently presented by Gateway Development Consortium (GDC). We would like to congratulate the vision of the GDC proposed \$1 Billion mixed-use development for Cross Bayou. With more than 150 minority businesses in the construction industry, we see this as positive stimulus in our region. This development would engage a high level of enthusiasm for many of the businesses in the construction, engineering, and architectural professions.

The NAMC is asking for support, from the Mayor and Council, as a dedication to the rebuild of the City of Shreveport and as a commitment to reboot, refine, and upgrade the socioeconomic status of the city's minority work force. As we embrace the advancement of our professions, we also look forward to the development of new opportunities for all. We ask that immediate attention is given in the consideration of a Non-Binding Letter of Interest. This process is vital for GDC to possess the provisions required to fully accommodate the development plan. The NAMC has a variety of members and associates including: general contractors, builders, concrete companies, foundation contractors, excavation contractors, trucking companies, municipal contractors, utility contractors, developers, landscape contractors, electrical contractors, HVAC and mechanical contractors, plumbing contractors, fencing contractors, steel erectors, floor covering companies, painting companies, brick/masonry companies, glass contractors, IT technicians, dirt pit companies, and asphalt contractors. As shown in the above list, the NAMC has multiple spin off associates as a part of its organization. With the vision the GDC team has introduced to the City of Shreveport, and other local businesses, we believe this opportunity is limited and encourages the Mayor and City Council to embrace this development plan.

It is the hope of the NAMC that this letter shows insight to our organization's commitment to the efforts of the GDC proposed plan for Cross Bayou.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Donald Hobdy', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Donald Hobdy
Executive Director

cc: Johnny Green
President