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T.P.I. Building Code Consultants Authorized to Perform Village of Lincolnwood Building Plan Review and Inspection Services

The Village is announcing that T.P.I. Building Code Consultants (TPI) has been authorized to perform building inspection and plan review services as of Friday, November 13, 2009. TPI was selected as the successful company to perform these services after undergoing a rigorous and competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. As a result of TPI performing these services, the Village has eliminated the two full-time Building Inspector positions, as well as three current part-time Inspector positions. The Village is confident that this new service delivery structure will result in significant cost savings to the community.

The Village began taking proactive budget reduction measures last year as a result of the onset of the recession. During this current fiscal year, three vacant positions have been left unfilled and Village staff continues to closely monitor revenue forecasts and pursues cost cutting measures as necessary. In 2009, the Village commissioned the Mercer Consulting Group to perform a comprehensive review of the Village's Community Development Department to determine if services were being delivered in the most efficient and effective means possible. One recommendation that came from the study was to evaluate developing public/private partnerships to provide specific services currently being performed by in-house staff. Subsequently, the RFP process began which resulted in TPI being selected as the provider of plan review and inspection services. Steps have been taken to ensure that current service delivery standards be maintained, or in some cases, enhanced.

TPI was incorporated in 1997. Each member of TPI's staff has more than 12 years of experience in their respective fields. TPI performs plan review and/or inspection services for over 15 Chicagoland municipalities and they guarantee a 10 day turn around for plan reviews, provide complimentary phone consultations with applicants, and will provide professional written plan reviews. All commercial plan reviews will be completed by an International Code Council Master Code Professional.