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ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR NAMED

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 12, 2011) Timothy R. Berkhimer has been hired as the City's Assistant Director of Public Works/Operations. Berkhimer possesses over 19 years' experience in municipal government, having been employed by the City of Virginia Beach Public Utilities Operations and Maintenance, Engineering, Public Works Operations and Emergency Management departments. He also served as the team leader for the development of the "Virginia Beach Plan for Hurricane Response Preparedness" which was published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its Public Assistance/Disaster Debris Management Guide.

After leaving the City of Virginia Beach in 2000, he has been engaged in private sector disaster response and recovery operations, and served as Director of the Disaster Recovery Group for the prime contractor performing the World Trade Center Forensic Recovery Mission. His vast experience earned an invitation to be part of the team assembled by the Department of Homeland Security to develop its Weapons of Mass Destruction Debris Management Guide.

Berkhimer graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, and served as a Commissioned Officer in the United States Navy, specializing in Surface Warfare.

Commenting on the hiring of Mr. Berkhimer, Public Works Director Eric Nielsen stated, "I am very excited and pleased to have someone with Tim's experience joining the Public Works team."

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