

Welcome to the January edition of *The Procurement Pipeline*, a monthly newsletter designed to provide informative updates on doing business with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA).

Business Inclusion and Diversity (B.I.D.) Program Launch on February 1, 2021

GLWA is committed to fostering the success of small, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses as well as those that operate from an economically disadvantaged location within the GLWA service area. In service to this commitment, we are excited to announce that the new Business Inclusion and Diversity (B.I.D.) Program, initiated and approved by the GLWA Board of Directors, will formally launch on February 1, 2021.

The Phase I launch of the B.I.D. Program in February 2021 will focus on the core program criteria and its impact on procurement submittals. The Phase II launch, beginning in July 2021, will feature expanded outreach and recruitment efforts. This gradual rollout will enable GLWA to learn, receive feedback, and refine our processes to ensure that the B.I.D. Program's intent to serve the small and disadvantaged business vendor community is executed efficiently and effectively.

Questions about the B.I.D. Program should be directed to GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org.

COVID-19 Vaccines and the Vendor Community

The state of Michigan has begun distributing COVID-19 vaccines through a multi-phased plan. Based on the [COVID-19 Vaccination Interim Prioritization Guidance](#), water and wastewater professionals are eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase 1-C.

Though GLWA will **not** require vaccinations for the vendor community, we do strongly encourage that all onsite vendor personnel obtain the vaccine. Please note that vaccinated personnel must continue to adhere to established access requirements and safety protocols: wearing face masks, washing hands regularly, and maintaining social distance.

If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, we recommend that you routinely check your local health department's website for information on when you are eligible to do so. Furthermore, if you have any questions or concerns about receiving the vaccine, the links below provide credible facts about the vaccine to help inform your decision.

- ✓ [Not Sure About the COVID-19 Vaccine? Get the Facts, Then Decide](#) (from University of Michigan)
- ✓ [What You Should Know about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#) (from City of Detroit)

Additional questions regarding this matter may be sent to procurement@glwater.org.

Procurement Process Update: Contracts

In an effort to enable work on projects to begin more quickly, GLWA Procurement has adopted template contracts that conform to service sector standards in public procurement. ***Beginning February 1, 2021, GLWA will now require that vendors agree to the terms and conditions listed in the solicitation without edits or redlines.*** The acceptance of GLWA's terms and conditions will be required by all vendors doing business with GLWA. Any exceptions to these terms and conditions will automatically deem vendors' proposal or bid submission non-responsive. Vendors may use the open question and answer period to submit their contract-related questions and GLWA will respond through a posted addendum by the solicitation deadline. We appreciate the vendor community's cooperation with this procurement process update and request that any further inquiries be directed to the Buyer listed on the GLWA solicitation.

What's Coming Down the Pipe?

Current Solicitations: Be sure to register in [Bonfire](#) for new solicitations and contract award information. **Upcoming Procurements: Next Three to Nine Months** - See page 2

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Upcoming Solicitations January 2021

Category	Description	Budget Estimate
Water System (next three months)		
Maintenance Services	5-Year Sludge Removal and Disposal Services at Northeast, Springwell's & Southwest Water Plants	\$55,000,000
Maintenance Services	Skilled Trades Contract	TBD
Engineering	North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements (CIP #132016)	\$10,000,000
Field Services	Water Transmission Main, Valve, and Urgent and Emergency Repairs (CIP #170504)	\$15,000,000
Construction	Phase II – 14 Mile Transmission Loop Project (CIP #122013)	\$91,000,000
Construction	NEWTP Flocculator Improvements (CIP #112006)	\$11,000,000
Design	LHWTP Flocculator Improvements (CIP #111012)	\$3,000,000
Construction	Springwells Water Treatment Plant Medium Voltage Electrical System Replacement (CIP #114002 Project B)	\$30,000,000
Design Build	Belle Isle Seawall Rehabilitation (CIP #116005)	\$1,740,000
CMAR	96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Project, Construction Manager-At-Risk	\$150,000,000
Construction	Complex B Thickened Waste Activated Sludge (TWAS) Piping Reconfiguration (JOC)	TBD
Wastewater System (next three months)		
Construction	Rehabilitation of Outfalls – Phase III(B-39)	\$7,000,000
Construction	Rehabilitation of Woodward Sewer (CIP #260207)	\$26,000,000
Maintenance	UPS Maintenance and Repair Services (CSO/WRRF)	\$1,564,050
Design	Control System Upgrade – St. Aubin, Leib, and 7 Mile CSO Facilities	TBD
Construction	WRRF Seagull Habitat Modification	TBD
Construction	Oakwood HVAC Improvements (CIP #260618) (CSO)	TBD
Professional Services	Development of CAD and Engineering Standards (TOES)	TBD
Professional Services	Virtual Tour and Laser Scanning Services	TBD
Construction	Connor Creek Dike Improvements (CIP #260621) (CSO)	TBD
Water System (next four to nine months)		
Design Build	WTP Ovation Workstation Upgrade Project (CIP #170303)	TBD
Design	Reservoir Inspection, Design and Construction Administration	\$4,000,000
Wastewater System (next four to nine months)		
Design	St. Aubin Disinfection and Screening Improvements (CIP #260617) (CSO)	TBD
Maintenance	Low-Voltage Wiring	\$7,500,000
Design	Leib Screening & Disinfection Facility Improvements for Meldrum Diversion (CIP #274001) (CSO)	TBD
Design	Oakwood CSO Facility Improvements for NWI Diversion (CIP #278001) (CSO)	TBD
Design	Pilot Netting Facility Project (CIP #270001) (CSO)	TBD
Design Build	Baby Creek Outfall Improvements Projects (CIP #277001)	TBD
Construction	Rehabilitation of CSO Outfall Backwater Gates	\$5,000,000
Construction	CSO Generator Improvements (Controls upgrades, Generator modifications) (CSO)	TBD
Construction	Hubbell Southfield CSO Basin Pipe Hanger Replacement	TBD
Enterprise (next four to nine months)		
Information Technology	Project Management Information System	TBD

Vendors should continue to monitor [Bonfire](#) for solicitation updates.

WRRF: Water Resource Recovery Facility

CSO: Combined Sewer Overflow