

Welcome to the February 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: Creating a Successful Diversity Plan

Under GLWA's Business Inclusion and Diversity (BID) Program, launched on February 1, 2021, a Diversity Plan for solicitations budgeted at \$1 million or more will be a mandatory requirement.

A successful Diversity Plan will:

- ✓ Outline the vendor's efforts to maximize opportunities for participation by small, minority-owned, and disadvantaged business enterprise subcontractors;
- ✓ Include reporting that indicates the businesses recommended for award, percentage of contract award, as well as any additional businesses contacted and why they declined;
- ✓ Include a copy of the vendor's and their subcontractor's B.I.D. certifications, if applicable; and
- ✓ Be no more than three single-spaced pages in 11pt font, and include an executive summary detailing key points.

The Diversity Plan must be specific to each solicitation. Additional information related to the vendor organization's diversity and inclusion efforts should also be included.

Vendor B.I.D. Certifications & Assessment

GLWA's objective is to make it easy to participate in our solicitations. For this reason, we will accept vendor certifications from a federal agency, the state of Michigan, or a Michigan local unit of government. See below for examples of the certifications GLWA is seeking from vendors:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE)
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE)
- Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE)

Please note this list is not all-inclusive; vendors may include other types of widely recognized certification programs in their Diversity Plans.

Scoring the Diversity Plan

The Diversity Plan will be scored as pass/fail. If a vendor does not submit a Diversity Plan, their proposal or bid response will be deemed nonresponsive.

Resources for Finding Diverse Subcontractors

While GLWA will not be maintaining a list of certified vendors, we do recommend the following resources for finding small, minority-owned, and disadvantaged business subcontractors:

1. U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [Dynamic Small Business Search](#) enables vendors to search for businesses by location and size as well as by capacity, certifications, and minimum bonding levels;
2. State of Michigan [SIGMA Vendor Self Service](#) (VSS) allows vendors to register to do business with the state of Michigan;
3. [System for Award Management](#) (SAM) allows vendors to register to do business with the US government.

GLWA also encourages vendors to attend pre-bid and pre-proposal meetings for additional business networking opportunities. Note that pre-bid and pre-proposal attendee lists are posted in Bonfire.

Where to Meet GLWA

GLWA attends vendor outreach events throughout southeast Michigan. We welcome you to join us at the Southwest Michigan PTAC "Coffee & Contracting" Zoom webinar on April 14, 2021 from 9-9:30am. [Event registration link](#).

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 February 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 Treatment Plant (WTPs)	\$55,000,000
Maintenance Services	Skilled Trades Contract	TBD
Engineering	North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements (CIP #132016)	\$10,000,000
Construction	Phase II – 14 Mile Transmission Loop Project (CIP #122013)	\$91,000,000
Construction	Northeast WTP Flocculator Improvements (CIP #112006)	\$11,000,000
Construction	Springwells Water Treatment Plant Medium Voltage Electrical System Replacement (CIP #114002 Project B)	\$45,000,000
Design Build	Belle Isle Seawall Rehabilitation (CIP #116005)	\$1,740,000
CMAR	96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation Project, Construction Manager-At-Risk (CIP #122004)	\$150,000,000
Wastewater System (next three months)		
Construction	Rehabilitation of Outfalls – Phase III (B-39) (CIP #260508)	\$7,000,000
Design	Control System Upgrade – St. Aubin, Leib, and 7 Mile CSO Facilities (CIP #360619)	TBD
Construction	Oakwood HVAC Improvements (CSO) (CIP #260618)	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 (CSO) (CIP #260621)	TBD
Design	WRRF Rehabilitation of the Circular Primary Clarifier Scum Removal System (CIP #211009)	\$2,000,000
Water System (next four to nine months)		
Design Build	WTP Ovation Workstation Upgrade Project (CIP #170303)	TBD
Progressive Design Build	Lake Huron WTP Instrumentation and Filter Control Improvements (CIP #111006)	\$5,400,000
Design	Reservoir Inspection, Design, Construction Administration, and RPR Services (CIP #170802)	\$5,400,000
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 (CIP #260510)	\$5,000,000
Construction	CSO Generator Improvements (Controls upgrades, Generator modifications) (CSO) (CIP #260600)	TBD
Construction	Hubbell Southfield CSO Basin Pipe Hanger Replacement (CIP #260600)	TBD
Enterprise (next four to nine months)		
Information Technology	Project Management Information System	TBD

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

Acronyms		
WRRF: Water Resource Recovery Facility	CSO: Combined Sewer Overflow	WTP: Water Treatment Plant