

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

Tips for Creating a Complete and Responsive RFB and RFP Submission & Vendor Debriefs

To ensure that you have created a complete and responsive Request for Bid (RFB) and Request for Proposal (RFP) submission for a GLWA solicitation, please do the following:

1. Carefully read and follow the detailed instructions outlined in the “Solicitation Cover/Instruction to Vendors” document, posted with each advertisement in Bonfire;
2. Adhere to all deadlines and due dates. Late bid/proposals will not be accepted;
3. Review all submittal requirements and complete all required forms. Failure to submit required documents may result in your solicitation response being deemed nonresponsive;
4. Obtain and submit all third-party forms (e.g., proof of insurance and bonding);
5. Ensure that all required signatures have been completed by the appropriate, authorized individuals at your company.

Did you know we offer Post-Award Debrief Sessions? Vendors not selected for award may elect to request a vendor debrief meeting with GLWA Procurement to gain insight for improving future solicitations responses. For questions on creating a complete and responsive RFB/RFP submission, or to schedule a vendor debrief session, please contact the GLWA Buyer responsible for the solicitation.

Reminder: Michigan Sales & Use Tax for the Vendor Construction Community

In the July 2020 issue of the [Procurement Pipeline](#), we addressed some questions regarding the extension of GLWA’s tax exempt status to our construction contracts. Please note that GLWA’s tax exempt status does **not** extend to our construction contractors who are recognized as the consumer of

the goods and materials that they purchase for use in providing services to GLWA. As the consumer of these purchased goods and materials, the contractor or subcontractor cannot claim tax exempt status and therefore is responsible for paying the sales tax.

We strongly encourage all GLWA vendors with further questions on this matter to consult with their own tax advisors when determining whether they will be responsible for payment of sales or use taxes to help them determine whether those costs should be included in their bid prices.

Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements

On March 29, 2021, GLWA released [Coronavirus Update #112](#) to the vendor community which outlines updated requirements for Badged Access Visitors. By July 1, 2021, visitors requesting badged access to GLWA facilities or project worksites must submit **either** documentation of a negative COVID-19 test (dated between March 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021) **or** documentation of a completed COVID-19 vaccine. Until then, both badged access and non-badged access visitors must complete the daily [Visitor COVID-19 Questionnaire](#) which is available on [GLWA’s Vendor webpage](#). All questions regarding COVID-19 visitor access protocols may be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Torti](#).

Where to Meet GLWA

GLWA welcomes you to join us at the “Real Talk Wednesday” virtual webinar, hosted by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), on May 19, 2021 from 10am-12pm. Please contact [Kathleen Jones](#) and [Ann Williams](#) for the event link. All businesses are welcome to join!

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 April 2021

Category	Description	Budget Estimate
Water System (next three months)		
Maintenance Services	Skilled Trades Contract	TBD
Engineering	North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements (CIP #132016)	\$10,000,000
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
Wastewater System (next three months)		
Construction	Rehabilitation of Outfalls – Phase III (B-39) (CIP #260508)	\$7,000,000
Design Build	Control System Upgrade – St. Aubin, Leib, and 7 Mile CSO Facilities (CIP #360619)	\$7,000,000
Design	WRRF Rehabilitation of the Circular Primary Clarifier Scum Removal System (CIP #211009)	\$2,000,000
Design Build	Baby Creek Outfall Improvements (CIP #260521) (CSO)	\$10,000,000
Design	St. Aubin Disinfection and Screening Improvements (CIP #260617) (CSO)	TBD
Construction	Generator Improvements (Controls upgrades, Generator modifications) (CIP #260622)	\$1,000,000
Construction	Hubbell Southfield CSO Basin Pipe Hanger Replacement	\$1,500,000
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
Maintenance	Lake Huron WTP Instrumentation and Filter Control Improvements (CIP #111006)	\$21,000,000
Construction	Roof Replacement – Lake Huron WTP and Southwest WTP (CIP #171500)	\$3,000,000
Wastewater System (next four to nine months)		
Professional Services	Virtual Tour and Laser Scanning Services	TBD
Design	Leib Screening & Disinfection Facility Improvements for Meldrum Diversion (CIP #274001) (CSO) & Oakwood CSO Facility Improvements for Northwest Interceptor Diversion (CIP #278001)	\$5,000,000
Design	Pilot Netting Facility Project (CIP #270001) (CSO)	TBD
Construction	Rehabilitation of CSO Outfall Backwater Gates (CIP #260510)	\$5,000,000
Construction	HAZMAT (Hazardous Material) Building Renovation	TBD
Construction	WRRF Administration Building 4 th Floor Renovation	TBD
Construction	Pump Station #1 Screenings Building HVAC Improvements (CIP #211006)	\$1,000,000
Enterprise (next four to nine months)		
Information Technology	Project Management Information System	\$3,000,000
Professional Services	Document Scanning and Management Services (WRRF, Conner Creek, Enterprise)	TBD

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

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