

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

### **Procurement Tip of the Month: Navigating GLWA's Bonfire Procurement Portal**

Navigating GLWA's e-procurement software Bonfire, our centralized portal for all Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and Requests for Bid (RFBs), is key to doing business with GLWA. Below are some tips on making the most of Bonfire's features.

1. All open GLWA solicitations, as well as past public opportunities and public contracts, are viewable in the GLWA Bonfire [Procurement Portal](#). Please note that if an upcoming solicitation listed in the monthly *Procurement Pipeline* is not viewable in the Procurement Portal, this means that it has not yet been advertised in Bonfire.
2. Select the commodity codes that best reflect the goods and/or services that your business provides to receive automatic solicitation notifications tailored to you. (For information on selecting your commodity codes, and on the [NIGP commodity codes](#) GLWA uses, please see the [September 2020 Procurement Pipeline](#)).
3. When registering in Bonfire or updating your profile, provide the full and unabbreviated name of your company. Additionally, always maintain recent and up-to-date contact information to ensure that you receive all GLWA Vendor communications. Consider using a distribution-style email address to account for any employee turnover.
4. Lastly, if you experience technical difficulties while navigating Bonfire, contact Bonfire [Technical Support](#). This feature provides multiple means of support to vendors, including a search function for articles and video tutorials as well as an email contact form to communicate directly with the Bonfire technical support team.

Please remember that the GLWA Buyer of Record, always noted in the advertised solicitation in

Bonfire, is the **only** GLWA point of contact throughout the solicitation process. This helps to ensure that the procurement process remains fair and transparent for all vendors.

### **Reminder: Visitor COVID-19 Badged Access Requirements Beginning on July 1, 2021**

The new COVID-19 testing cycle for Badged Access visitors will begin on July 1, 2021. Periodic testing may be required after this date on the same cadence with GLWA team members. In addition, GLWA will waive the COVID-19 testing requirement for all Badged Access visitors who provide documentation that they have received a full COVID-19 vaccine. For more information on these protocols, please see [Coronavirus Update #112](#), available on the [vendor webpage](#). Any additional questions regarding GLWA's Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements may be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Torti](#).

### **Virtual Introduction Meetings with GLWA**

If you are interested in learning more about doing business with GLWA, contact us at [GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org](mailto:GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org) to schedule a vendor introductory meeting. Topics include helpful information on submitting a competitive bid or proposal to a GLWA solicitation, as well as the requirements for GLWA's Business Inclusion and Diversity (B.I.D.) Program.

### **Where to Meet GLWA**

We welcome 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 May 2021

Category	Description	Budget Estimate
<b>Water System (next three months)</b>		
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
Design	Reservoir Inspection, Design, Construction Administration, and RPR Services (CIP #170802)	\$5,400,000
<b>Wastewater System (next three months)</b>		
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)	\$1,000,000
Construction	Generator Improvements (Controls upgrades, Generator modifications) (JOC) (CIP #260622) (CSO)	\$1,000,000
Construction	Hubbell Southfield CSO Basin Pipe Hanger Replacement	\$1,500,000
Construction	HAZMAT (Hazardous Material) Building Renovation	\$1,500,000
<b>Water System (next four to nine months)</b>		
Progressive Design Build	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
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
<b>Wastewater System (next four to nine months)</b>		
Professional Services	Virtual Tour and Laser Scanning Services	TBD
Design	Pilot Netting Facility Project (CIP #270001) (CSO)	TBD
Construction	Rehabilitation of CSO Outfall Backwater Gates (CIP #260510)	\$5,000,000
Construction	WRRF Administration Building 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Renovation	TBD
Construction	Pump Station #1 Screenings Building HVAC Improvements (CIP #211006)	\$1,000,000
Construction	Connor Creek Sewer System Rehabilitation (CIP #260208)	\$24,000,000
Design Build	WRRF Rehabilitation of Intermediate Lift Pumps (ILPs) 1 & 2 and Modifications to Aeration Decks 1 & 2 to Incorporate Biological Phosphorus Removal and Step Feed (CIP #212008)	\$60,000,000
Construction	WRRF Pump S #1 Improvements (CIP #211006)	\$55,000,000
Design Build	WRRF Structural Improvements (CIP # 216011)	\$12,000,000
<b>Enterprise (next four to nine months)</b>		
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		
<b>WRRF:</b> Water Resource Recovery Facility	<b>CSO:</b> Combined Sewer Overflow	<b>WTP:</b> Water Treatment Plant