



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

Procurement Tip of the Month: Communicating with GLWA during the Solicitation Process

An open, competitive procurement process enables vendors to compete to do business with GLWA in a fair and transparent environment. One of the most important ways to achieve this is to ensure that all participating vendors have access to the same information during the solicitation process.

Once a solicitation has been advertised in GLWA's [Bonfire Procurement Portal](#), vendors **must** direct all communications regarding the project to the GLWA Buyer identified in the solicitation documents. Maintaining one, centralized point of contact throughout the formal solicitation period is key to establishing a level playing field for all vendors submitting a solicitation response and to protecting the integrity of the procurement.

Vendors with inquiries about an active solicitation in Bonfire may use the following opportunities to communicate with GLWA:

- ✓ **Pre-Bid/Proposal Meetings** — provide vendors with the chance to learn more about the project and to ask the GLWA Buyer and Project Manager questions. Dates and meeting locations for pre-bid/proposal meetings are always listed on the solicitation's Bonfire page.
- ✓ **Question and Answer Period** — up until the questions due date listed on the solicitation's Bonfire page, vendors may submit any questions they have in writing to the solicitation's Bonfire page. Questions are answered by the GLWA Buyer in an addendum posted to Bonfire.

In addition, please note that once a solicitation has closed and a contract been awarded, vendors not selected for award may elect to request a vendor debrief meeting with GLWA Procurement to gain insight for improving future solicitation responses.

A Happy Thanksgiving from the GLWA Procurement Team!

The GLWA Procurement Team wishes the Vendor Community a safe, happy, and healthy Thanksgiving! We are very thankful for the Vendor Community and all that you do—you make it possible for GLWA to fulfill its mission of providing water of unquestionable quality to the communities we serve in southeastern Michigan.

Reminder: Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements and Safety Protocols to Remain in Effect Until Further Notice

On August 24, 2021, GLWA issued [Coronavirus Update #137](#) to the vendor community stating that all current Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements will remain in effect until further notice. For a full overview of GLWA's Visitor COVID-19 Access Requirements, please review [Coronavirus Update #137](#). Any additional questions may be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Savage](#).

Virtual Vendor Introduction Meetings with GLWA

If you are interested in learning more about doing business with GLWA, contact us at 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.

What's Coming Down the Pipe?

Current Solicitations: Be sure to register in GLWA's [Bonfire Procurement Portal](#) for new solicitations and contract award information.

Upcoming Procurements: Next Three to Nine Months—See newsletter pages 2-3.

Visit GLWA online!

To see the GLWA Vendor homepage, please visit www.glwater.org or contact us via email at procurement@glwater.org.

Upcoming Solicitations November 2021

Category	Description	Budget Estimate
Water System (next three months)		
N/A	N/A	N/A
Wastewater System (next three months)		
Construction	HAZMAT (Hazardous Material) Building Renovation (CIP #216010)	\$1,500,000
Professional Services	Virtual Tour and Laser Scanning Services	\$1,000,000
Request for Qualifications	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
Water System (next four to nine months)		
Materials & Equipment	Springwells WTP Pumping Unit Procurement Package (CIP#114002 Contracts E thru G)	\$56,000,000
Materials & Equipment	Springwells WTP Process Valve Procurement Package (CIP#114002 Contracts H thru I)	\$12,500,000
Wastewater System (next four to nine months)		
Construction	Pump Station #1 Screenings Building HVAC Improvements (CIP #211006)	\$1,000,000
Construction	Connor Creek Sewer System Rehabilitation (CIP #260208)	\$40,000,000
Construction	WRRF Pump Station #1 Improvements (CIP #211006)	\$55,000,000
Design Build	WRRF Structural Improvements (CIP #216011)	\$12,000,000
Design	Architectural & Safety Improvements to CSO Facilities (CIP #260600)	\$1,400,000
Design	Hubbell Southfield Flushing and Facility Improvements (CSO) (CIP #273001)	\$5,500,000
Design	Baby Creek and Belle Isle Facilities Control Improvements (CSO) (CIP #270006)	\$502,500
Construction	Freud Pump Station Improvements (CIP #232002)	\$75,000,000
Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)		
Construction	WRRF Administration Building 4 th Floor Renovation (Old CIP #216010, New CIP #260902)	\$3,250,000
Construction	Generator Improvements (Controls upgrades, Generator modifications) (CSO) (CIP #2606022)	\$2,000,000
Maintenance Services	Facilities Maintenance Services (O&M)	\$25,500,000
Progressive Design Build	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant, Filter Instrumentation and Raw Water Metering Improvements (CIP #111006)	\$22,000,000
Design Build	Sewer Rehabilitation and Repair (CIP #260209)	\$12,200,000
Professional Services	SCADA System Professional Services (O&M)	\$5,500,000
Progressive Design Build	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant: Progressive Design Build of Instrumentation and Control Improvements (CIP #111006)	\$25,000,000

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

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