

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

Types of GLWA Solicitations – Request for Bid (RFB), Request for Proposal (RFP), and Invitation to Quote (ITQ)

GLWA routinely issues different types of solicitations in the [Bonfire Procurement Portal](#). A solicitation is a document used by a GLWA Buyer to obtain competitive bids or proposals for the purpose of entering a contract with qualified vendors. All purchases greater than \$50,000 require a formal solicitation process, which includes notifying vendors that GLWA wishes to receive bids or proposals on specified goods and/or services. Read below to learn about three of the most common types of GLWA solicitations.

Request for Bid (RFB)

This type of solicitation is used when needed goods and/or services can be completely described in the bid specifications and awarded based on pricing alone using a low bid evaluation method. RFBs are publicly solicited in GLWA's Bonfire Portal.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

This type of solicitation is used when needed goods and/or services are of a complex and technical nature that cannot be fully described in the bid specifications. As a result of this, the award of the contract must be based on factors other than price alone. For RFPs, these additional evaluation factors are identified in the solicitation documents. RFPs are publicly solicited in GLWA's Bonfire Portal.

Invitation to Quote (ITQ)

This type of solicitation is used to invite vendors to an informal process to quote on specified goods and/or services. At least three known vendors are contacted by the GLWA Buyer to obtain competitive price quotations. ITQs do not exceed the \$50,000 threshold for small purchases and therefore are by invite-only for vendors who have active profiles in GLWA's Bonfire Portal.

Coronavirus Update #165: GLWA Masking Update – Masks Currently Required at ALL GLWA Facilities and Project Worksites

On May 16, 2022 GLWA issued [Coronavirus Update #165](#) to the Vendor Community, indicating that Wayne and St. Clair County had risen to “RED” on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Community Levels](#) list. As stated in [Coronavirus Update #159](#), this means that ***face masks are currently required for all Visitors who provide onsite services at any GLWA facility or project worksite, regardless of its location, until further notice.*** Questions regarding this matter, or COVID-19 Visitor Access Requirements, should be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Savage](#).

Virtual Vendor Introduction Meetings

If you are interested in learning more about doing business with GLWA, contact us at GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org to schedule a virtual vendor introduction meeting. Topics include 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.

Keeping up with GLWA

Our Interim Chief Executive Officer (ICEO) Monthly Report provides a wealth of information and news about important initiatives within GLWA's service territory that impact GLWA, its member partners, and the public. To read the May 2022 Monthly Report, please [click here](#).

What's Coming Down the Pipe?

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

Upcoming Procurements: Next Three to Nine Months—See newsletter page 2.

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

Upcoming Solicitations June 2022

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget Estimate
Water System (next four to nine months)			
Construction	170802	Reservoir Rehabilitation Construction Services Phase II at Waterworks Park, Northeast, and Booster Stations.	\$35,972,000
Construction	112003	Northeast WTP Medium Voltage Electrical System Improvements	\$20,000,000
Construction	114002C	Springwells WTP Low and High Lift Pumping Station Improvements	\$133,000,000
Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)			
Construction	260802	WRRF Roofing Improvements	\$4,300,000
Construction	232002	Freud Pump Station Improvements	\$75,000,000
Design	270001	Pilot Netting Facility	\$1,500,000
Design-Build	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of Secondary Clarifiers	\$6,000,000
Water System (next three months)			
Construction	114017	Springwells WTP 1958 Flocculator Replacements	\$22,000,000
Materials & Equipment	114002E-G	Springwells WTP Pumping Unit Procurement Package (Contract E thru G)	\$57,000,000
Materials & Equipment	114002H-J	Springwells WTP Process Valve Procurement Package (Contract H thru J)	\$13,000,000
Wastewater (next three months)			
Design-Build	212008	Aeration Decks 1 & 2 RFP (invite to RFQ selected teams only)	\$74,000,000
Construction	211006	WRRF Pump Station #1 Improvements	\$73,400,000
Construction	260903	WRRF Front Entrance Rehabilitation	\$3,300,000
Construction	O&M	Incinerator #11 Rehabilitation	\$1,200,000
Construction	260206	Rehabilitation of Joy Rd Sewer & Brush/Bates Sewer	\$16,000,000
Design	273001	Hubbell Southfield CSO Facility Improvements	8,554,480
Construction	O&M	Plumbing Shop Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000
Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)			
Professional Services	O&M	SCADA System Professional Services	\$5,500,000
Engineering Services	260210	Rehabilitation of GLWA Sewers; Ashland Relief, Linwood, Lonyo, Second Avenue, and Shiawassee	\$6,900,000
Construction	114002B	Springwells WTP Medium Voltage Electrical System Replacement	\$52,000,000
Construction	211006	Rehabilitation of Pump Station #1 Improvements	\$60,000,000
Construction	211006	Pump Station #1 Screenings Building HVAC Improvements	\$1,200,000

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

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