

**NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR**

INFLUENT GATE DEMOLITION AT THE
STICKNEY WATER RECLAMATION PLANT

CONTRACT 22-902-23 **(RE-BID)**

PROPOSALS ARE DUE JULY 11, 2023

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. (Central Time), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 A.M. on July 11, 2023. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at <https://mwr.org/bid-opening>.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 11:00 A.M. ON THE ABOVE-SCHEDULED BID OPENING DATE. ALL BIDS FAXED, MAILED, E-MAILED, OR HAND DELIVERED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. THERE IS NO BID DEPOSITORY SAFE AVAILABLE FOR MAILING OR HAND DELIVERING BIDS. THE DISTRICT WILL ONLY ACCEPT BIDS ELECTRONICALLY UPLOADED TO THE BONFIRE PORTAL ([HTTPS://MWRD.BONFIREHUB.COM/](https://mwr.org/bid-opening)). PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR BID TO THE BONFIRE PORTAL IN THE BID DOCUMENT ENTITLED "SUBMISSION VIA THE BONFIRE PORTAL".

Tenders are invited to furnish all necessary labor, insurance, expertise, supervision, tools, equipment, materials, and appurtenances, including transportation, necessary to remove the existing hydraulic operator, accumulator assembly, piping and associated electrical equipment for four (4) TARP Drop Shaft (DS) M13A Hydraulic Gates (E, F, G, & H) and four (4) TARP DS M14 Hydraulic Gates (E, F, G, & H), and repair an emergency power generator at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP) within a period of eighteen (18) months.

The estimated cost of the work under this Contract is \$1,571,000.00. Funding of all contract items is subject to the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for all years under this Contract.

There is no bid deposit for this Contract.

The Contract is divided, for purposes of bidding, into four (4) Items. Bidders must submit bids for all four Items or the bid will be rejected as non-responsive. The District intends to award one Contract to one Bidder for all the work to be performed.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at www.mwr.org

(Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following e-mail: contractdesk@mwrd.org or call 312-751-6643.

Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of any Bidder to successfully download any and all contract documents, including but not limited to specifications, proposal forms and/or plans, as a result of any type of technological computer and/or software system failure or breakdown that restricts, prohibits or prevents successful downloading of any and all District contract documents by the Bidder, whether caused by the District or other parties, directly or indirectly.

Bidders on Contracts in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended to date, regarding NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in Appendix C of the Contract Documents. The provisions of Appendix C also apply to each Subcontractor on the Contract in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

The Bidder agrees to comply with the requirements, goals, terms, and conditions of the Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D throughout the life of the Contract. The work under this Contract is classified as "Construction Services" for the MBE/WBE utilization goals contained in the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and VBE utilization goals contained in Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Contracting Policy Requirements Appendix V.

The associated goals are 20% Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), 10% Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), and 3% Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (VBE). Questions regarding the associated goals shall be directed to the Diversity Officer at 312-751-4035.

Each Bidder must submit with their proposals a signed and completed **MBE/WBE Utilization Plan** which lists each business intended to be used as a MBE and WBE on pages UP-2 and UP-3 and supplemental pages as necessary. **The Bidder must sign the Signature Section page on UP-4.** Failure to submit a signed MBE/WBE Utilization Plan will result in a bid being deemed non-responsive and the bid will be rejected. Also, if a Waiver is sought, the Bidder is required to sign pages UP-4 and UP-5, which is the Waiver Request Form; failure to do so will be viewed as non-responsive and the bid will be rejected.

Each Bidder must submit **with their bid package** an original or facsimile copy of **MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent, page UP-6** for each subcontractor listed on their MBE/WBE Utilization Plan. The submitted MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent must be completed and signed by the subcontractor and accompanied with a copy of the subcontractor's current Letter of Certification from a state, local government or agency or documentation

demonstrating that the subcontractor is a MBE or WBE within the meaning of the **Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D**. Failure to submit the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan signed by the Bidder at the time of the bid opening and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent signed by each MBE and WBE will be viewed as non-responsive and the bid will be rejected.

If the Bidder exceeds the allowable **Supplier Utilization** amount which is stated in the bid documents, the bid will be viewed as non-responsive. Therefore, the Bidder may not exceed the use of a MBE or WBE supplier for more than 50% of each respective MBE or WBE goal, unless the Administrator has authorized a Supplier's Exception notated on page AU-1.

Each Bidder must submit with their proposals a completed **VBE Commitment Form** which lists each business intended to be used as a VBE. The Bidder must make a "**Good Faith Effort**" to identify eligible Veteran Owned-Businesses by completing the VBE Commitment Form. If the Bidder is unable to identify qualified VBE subcontractors capable of providing goods or services required by the contract, the Bidder must write "**no participation**" on the VBE Commitment Form. Where a Bidder has failed to meet the VBE participation goal, the Administrator shall require the Contractor to submit a Veteran's Business Enterprise Good Faith Efforts Documentation Request Form and provide additional documentation of its good faith efforts in attempting to fulfill the VBE goal.

The Contractor agrees to use the District's online compliance monitoring system administered by the Diversity Section for payment and reporting purposes in order to fulfill the Affirmative Action requirements.

VBE goals are separate from Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE). An Eligible Veteran who is also an MBE or WBE may be dual-utilized to fulfill both goals. However, the three-percent (3%) VBE goal must be accomplished in addition to the MBE/WBE goals set forth in a contract.

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan MUST be signed by the Bidder, even if the Bidder requests a waiver and/or offers itself to meet any of the Revised Appendix D goals. If the Bidder offers itself to satisfy any of the Revised Appendix D goals, then its name shall be shown in the appropriate space(s) on the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan.

Where a Bidder is a business owned and controlled by a minority woman (M/WBE), or where the Bidder utilizes an M/WBE in a joint venture or as a subcontractor, the Bidder may count the M/WBE participation toward the achievement of either its MBE or WBE goal, but not both.

The Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded must be prepared to comply with the requirements of the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, and the Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Contracting Policy Requirements Appendix V throughout the life of the Contract.

If any potential Bidder contemplating to submit a proposal is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the specifications or other contract documents, such inquiry should be submitted online at the District's website, www.mwrld.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements. The District will provide an online response to such inquiries, as the District deems appropriate. Strings of appropriate questions and answers regarding the bidding documents will be available online on the District's website until the bid opening date of the bidding documents. No questions will be accepted by telephone, fax, email, mail, or any other such form of delivery.

The District will only respond to questions received online up to ONE (1) WEEK prior to the bid opening date of the bidding documents. The District will not respond to questions received after this date. The District does not guarantee the timeliness of responses provided online, nor does the District guarantee that such responses will be provided in adequate time to affect the submission of bids. The District shall provide responses online ONLY if the responses do not interpret or otherwise change the bidding documents.

The District's responses online are NOT official responses and, therefore, are not binding to the bidding documents. Any official interpretation or change to the bidding documents will be made only by addenda duly issued to all plan holders on record by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management. Bidding documents are only available online, and all addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the Districts website, www.mwrld.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements. A copy of such addenda will also be emailed/faxed to each person which downloads a set of such contract documents.

Failure on the part of the prospective Bidder to receive a written interpretation prior to the time of the opening of bids will not be grounds for withdrawal of proposal.

Bidders are STRONGLY URGED to inspect all areas of the work sites prior to bidding, in order to familiarize themselves with the nature of the work and the method of accomplishing the same. While entry inside underground structures requiring confined space entry will not be permitted during bidding, Bidders are encouraged to review video clips included with the bidding documents located on the District's portal. Additionally, prospective Bidders may schedule an appointment to inspect the accessible work sites, by contacting Mr. Paul Sobanski, at (708) 588-4080, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Bidders should read the bidding requirements set forth on pages R-1 through R-6, and in particular page R-2, Paragraph 6, in regards to questions on this Contract.

A Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid meeting will be held online via a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. (Central Time). The link to the Zoom meeting is attached in a separate

Word document under the "Additional Documents" column on the District's website at mwrdd.org (Doing Business->Procurement & Materials Management ->Contract Announcements->(Find correct project)->Bidding Documents). The purpose of the Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid meeting is to review the scope of work, to provide for identification and discussion of potential problems that might arise during the administration of this Contract and seek clarification of technical or procedural aspects of this Contract. There will be a Q&A session at the end of the meeting. Also, suppliers must give their contact information to register prior to entering the Zoom Pre-Bid meeting.

Potential Bidders are reminded they may also raise questions they may have to the District's Question and Answer Board hosted online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements.

The Resident Engineer for this Contract is Mr. Paul Sobanski. Mr. Sobanski will provide online responses to online inquiries.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et. seq.).

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
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Chicago, Illinois
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