

**NOTICE  
INVITATION TO BID**

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO  
FOR**

REHABILITATION OF PUMP EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

CONTRACT 23-621-11

**PROPOSALS ARE DUE MAY 7, 2024**

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 (CT), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 AM on May 7, 2024. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at <https://mwr.org/bid-opening>

**NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 11:00 AM CT ON THE ABOVE SCHEDULED BID OPENING DATE. ALL BIDS FAXED, MAILED, EMAILED, 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/). PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR BID TO THE BONFIRE PORTAL IN THE BID DOCUMENT ENTITLED "SUBMISSION VIA THE BONFIRE PORTAL."**

Failure to submit the required documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.

Tenders are invited to furnish all necessary labor, insurance, expertise, supervision, materials, tools, transportation, and equipment necessary to rehabilitate several raw sewage pump rotating assemblies at various locations, rebabbit bearing sets and individual bearings at various locations and to reassemble a 66-inch gate valve from the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant for a period starting from approval of Contractor's bond and terminating on December 31, 2026.

A more detailed description of the work is provided in the Detail Specifications.

**The Contract is divided, for purposes of bidding, into three Groups. Bidders may submit a bid for any group or a combination of Groups as set forth in the Proposal. When submitting a proposal, the Bidder must bid on every item in that Group or the bid will be considered non-responsive. For any Group not bid, the Bidder shall insert "NO BID" in the appropriate place. The District reserves the right to award a Contract or Contracts to**

any Bidder or Bidders for any Group or combination of Groups as it may deem to be in the best interest of the District to do so.

The estimated cost of this Contract:

Group A - Raw Sewage Pump Rotating Assemblies in the North Service area	\$3,118,350.00
Group B - Raw Sewage Pump rotating assemblies in Calumet and Stickney Service Area	\$3,899,700.00
Group C - Gate Valve at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant	\$ 176,250.00
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TOTAL FOR ALL GROUPS:	\$7,194,300.00

The estimated cost of this Contract is \$7,194,300.00. **THE BID DEPOSIT FOR THIS PROPOSAL IS \$290,000.00.**

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond. Each bid bond must be underwritten by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, listed in the latest copy of the Federal Register and approved by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management. The bid bond must contain signatures from the Bidder and Surety Company. Failure to provide signatures on the bid bond will result in the rejection of the bid. Photographic and/or stamped signatures are acceptable. Any proposal submitted without being accompanied by the required bid deposit, in the aforesaid form, will not be considered and will not be read after it is publicly opened.

Funding of all contract items is subject to the Board of Commissioners' approval of the budget for all years the contract is active.

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.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org) (Doing Business → Procurement & 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 email: [contractdesk@mwrdd.org](mailto:contractdesk@mwrdd.org) or call 312-751-6643.

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.

Bidding documents are only available online, and all addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the District's website, [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.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.

Bidder shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum issued in space provided on proposal signature page or submit a signed copy of each addendum with the Bidder's proposal at the time and date set to receive bids. Oral explanations will not be binding.

Any Proposal which indicates multiple or alternate bids will be deemed non-responsive and will be rejected by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management.

Proposals shall conform to all the terms and conditions of the Bidding Requirements attached hereto. Failure to submit the required documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.

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.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.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 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. 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.

The Resident Engineer for this Contract is Mr. David Golden. Mr. Golden will provide online responses to online inquiries.

Bidders are allowed 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. To schedule an appointment to inspect the work sites, prospective bidders may contact the Resident Engineer, David Golden at (708) 588-4190, between 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 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.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.) (the "Act"). Note that submission of certified payroll records when requested by the District's Affirmative Action Administrator in accordance with Section 14(b) of the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance does not relieve a contractor of its obligation to submit certified payroll records to the Illinois Department of Labor pursuant to the Act.

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

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District  
of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, Illinois  
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