

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

**INSPECTION, REPAIRING, AND PRESSURE TESTING OF CLEAN AGENT
FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

CONTRACT 25-626-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE APRIL 29, 2025

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (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 her designee at 11:00 A.M. CT on April 29, 2025. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at <https://mwrdd.org/bid-opening/>.

No bids will be accepted after 11:00 A.M. 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 (please see instructions on how to upload the bid response on pages Bonfire-1 and Bonfire-2). Please see specific instructions on how to upload your bid to the Bonfire portal in the bid document entitled "Submission via the Bonfire Portal." The Bonfire link is unique to each solicitation. Bids will be deemed non-responsive if not submitted using the project-specific Bonfire URL link provided by the District with the bidding documents.

Tenders are invited to furnish all necessary labor, supervision, tools, equipment, materials and appurtenances, including transportation, to inspect, repair, and pressure test the District's clean agent fire suppression systems at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP), the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP), the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant (OWRP), the Egan Water Reclamation Plant (EWRP), the District's Main Office Building (MOB), and the Main Office Building Annex (MOBA), for a thirty-six (36) month period, commencing approximately May 15, 2025, or upon approval of the Contractor's Bond, whichever occurs later.

The Contract is divided, for the purposes of bidding, into twenty-four (24) Bid Items. When submitting a proposal, Bidders must submit bids for all twenty-four (24) Items as set forth in the Proposal, or the bid will be rejected as non-responsive. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District intends to award one (1) Contract to one (1) Contractor for all of the services to be furnished under this Contract.

The estimated cost of the work to be performed under this Contract is: \$195,000.00.

The District intends to obtain as much work as possible without exceeding the above-stated values. However, Bidders are cautioned that, due to unforeseen operating conditions, the full amount may not be expended.

There is no bid deposit required for this Contract. The successful Contractor agrees to furnish a Contractor's bond, as a Contractor's bond will be required. Please refer to the CONTRACTOR'S BOND section in the Agreement of this Contract document, for additional information about this requirement.

Funding of all Contract items is subject to the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for all years under this Contract.

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(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 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.

Bidding documents are only available online, and all addenda issued for this Contract will be available online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.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.

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.mwrdd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements → (Find correct project) → Ask a Question. 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.

Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum issued in the space provided on the 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.

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 contact person for this Contract is Mrs. Megan Strand-Jordan. Mrs. Strand-Jordan will provide online responses to online inquiries.

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. To schedule an appointment to inspect the various work sites, prospective Bidders may contact the Resident Engineer respective of each area as follows: Mr. Fontain Griffin for the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (CWRP), (773) 256-3505 and at griffinf@mwrld.org; Mr. Thomas Miglinas for the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (SWRP), (708) 588-3319 and at miplinast@mwrld.org; Mr. Joseph Meyer for the O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant (OWRP), (847) 568-8224 and at meyerj1@mwrld.org; Mr. Marcus Austin for the Egan Water Reclamation Plant (EWRP), (847) 584-5445 and at austinm1@mwrld.org, and Mrs. Karla Lopez for the Main Office Building Complex (the Main Office Building and the Main Office Building Annex), (312) 751-4050 and at lopezk@mwrld.org, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. CT, Monday through Friday.

Bidders are hereby cautioned that no questions will be taken during any of the site inspections. **As noted above:** Bidders are reminded they may instead raise questions to the District's Question and Answer Board, online at the District's website, at www.mwrld.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements → (Find correct project) → Ask a Question.

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.

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to verify the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Act to this Contract with the Illinois Department of Labor. In the event the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) indicates the Prevailing Wage Act is not applicable to the

work to be performed under this Contract, then a copy of IDOL's written indication of this determination must accompany the Contractor's initial request for payment.

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

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement
and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
April 9, 2025