

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

FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SODIUM BISULFITE

CONTRACT 25-640-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 5, 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 A.M. CT on November 5, 2024. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at <https://mwrld.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 (<https://mwrld.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.” 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 and deliver sodium bisulfite to various District treatment plants and facilities located throughout Cook County commencing five (5) calendar days after the mailing date of a purchase order, or January 1, 2025 whichever occurs later, and terminating twenty-four (24) months thereafter, or upon expenditure of available funds, whichever occurs sooner. All deliveries shall be completed in accordance with the “Time” section of the Detail Specifications.

The estimated cost of the work under this Contract is the following:

Group A – Calumet Service Area:	\$1,605,200.00
Group B – North Service Area:	\$ 203,200.00
TOTAL FOR BOTH GROUPS:	\$1,808,400.00

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

The Contract is divided, for purposes of bidding, into two (2) Groups. Bidders may submit a bid for either or both 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 issue a Purchase Order or Purchase Orders to any Bidder or Bidders for either or both Groups as it may deem to be in the best interest of the Water Reclamation District to do so.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond. Please see page P-6 in the Contract Documents for additional information.

THE BID DEPOSIT FOR THIS PROPOSAL IS \$80,300.00 FOR GROUP A AND/OR \$10,200.00 FOR GROUP B, OR \$90,500.00 FOR BOTH GROUPS COMBINED.

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.mwrd.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@mwrd.org or call 312-751-6643.

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.

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.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 the 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.

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. 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 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. Adam Pulse. Mr. Pulse 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 work sites, prospective Bidders may contact the Resident Engineer, Mr. Adam Pulse, at (773)256-3580, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Bidders shall take special note of the stipulations on page G-4, under Interpretation of Contract Documents, 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

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and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
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