

## NOTICE

### INVITATION TO BID TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO FOR

RAW SEWAGE DISCHARGE PIPE SUPPORT MODIFICATIONS FOR PUMPS 1-3  
KIRIE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT  
DES PLAINES, IL  
CONTRACT 22-377-2D

**PROPOSALS ARE DUE TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

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 her designee at 11:00 A.M. CT on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at <http://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://MWRD.BONFIREHUB.COM/](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”. BIDS WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE IF NOT SUBMITTED USING THE BONFIRE-PROJECT SPECIFIC URL LINK, PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT WITH THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS.**

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.mwrld.org](http://www.mwrld.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 email: [contractdesk@mwrld.org](mailto:contractdesk@mwrld.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.

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

Tenders are invited for the work consisting of furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment required to:

1. Remove existing Engineering Field Office (“Construction Trailer”) and cap existing utility connections.
2. Demolish existing pipe supports and install new pipe supports for 36-inch diameter discharge pipes from Raw Sewage Pumps #1, #2 and #3 in the North Pump Well of the Influent Pumping Station. Where compression-type joining devices are currently used at two locations per discharge pipe, install welded pipe sleeves to permanently join separate sections of discharge piping.
3. Demolish and replace hydraulic piping, hoses, and appurtenances between the control cabinet and all three discharge valve actuators in the Influent Pumping Station North Pump Well.
4. Repair of 6-inch drain pump suction and discharge pipe connections to the Wet Well wall within the North Pump Well pump room.
5. Perform concrete repairs in the North Pump Well pump room.
6. Install new debris basket safety restraints and OSHA-compliant anchor points at the top of the Coarse Screen Well inside the Influent Pumping Station.
7. Perform all other work as specified in the Specifications and as shown on the Plans, including all incidental work.

The site of construction is at the James C. Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, 701 West Oakton Street, Des Plaines, County of Cook, State of Illinois

The estimated cost of the work under Contract 22-377-2D, is between \$5,168,000 and \$6,256,000.

**The Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid meeting will be held online via a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, April 16 2025, at 11:00 a.m., CT.** 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](http://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 contract information to register prior to entering the Zoom Pre-Bid meeting.

**Voluntary Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CT,** at the Kirie WRP, 701 West Oakton Street, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60018. Bidders are **STRONGLY URGED** to inspect all areas of the work sites, prior to bidding, to familiarize themselves with the nature of the work and the method of accomplishing the same. Attendees are advised to bring a hard hat and appropriate foot wear for an industrial type of facility, and a current copy of their business card. Bidders are reminded that no questions will be taken during any site inspections. The District’s website ([www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org)) will be used for addressing any questions, as indicated in the Invitation to Bid documents for this Contract. The path is as follows: Doing Business

→ Procurement & Materials Management → Contract Announcements → (Find correct project) → Ask a Question.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond in the amount of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$250,240.00)**. 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.

Prior to award of the contract, the lowest responsible bidder must demonstrate compliance with the MWRDGC 2017 Multi-Project Labor Agreement by submitting to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management a signed Certification of Compliance with the 2017 Multi-Project Labor Agreement. The Agreement and Certificate of Compliance are contained in the Contract Documents.

The bid money value of all materials purchased directly by the Contractor, together with the bid money value of all work performed by personnel and facilities provided directly by the Contractor, shall not be less than 25% of the money value of all work performed under this Contract. Any bid money value of work performed by the Subcontractors for work on the job site utilizing Subcontractors' materials, labor and facilities cannot be included in the percent of work to be completed by the Contractor.

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 contracts in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

The Bidder agrees to fulfill the Special Training Provisions for Apprentices as specified in the Appendix K and to provide training opportunities throughout the life of the contract. The requirements of the Special Training Provisions for Apprentices are **400** minority hours and **150** female hours for the purposes of this contract.

The Bidder shall submit with the Proposal a signed and completed MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan, which lists the firms intended to be used as MBE, WBE, SBE, the type of work or service each will perform, and the dollar amount to be allocated to each MBE, WBE, SBE.

1. 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, UP-3, and supplemental pages as necessary. **The Bidder must sign the Signature page 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, the Waiver Request Form; failure to do so will be viewed as non-responsive and the bid will be rejected.

2. Each Bidder must submit **with their bid package** a 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.
3. 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 of the respective MBE or WBE goal, unless the Administrator has authorized a Supplier's Exception notated on page AU-1.
4. 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.
5. **The Contractor must 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 Program requirements.**

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

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

If a waiver from the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D requirements is sought, the bidder should include with the bid package documentation of good-faith efforts to meet the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D utilization goals. Subsequent to bid opening and if it is determined by the Affirmative Action Administrator that a Contractor's Information Form is required from the apparent low bidder, the bidder must complete and submit the form within three (3) days of receiving the written request.

The work under this Contract is classified as “General Construction” for the MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Goals contained in the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D. The associated goals are 20% Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE), 10% Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE), and 3% Veteran Business Enterprises (VBE). Should you have any questions, please contact the Diversity Office at 312-751-4035.

It is required that the prospective Bidder indicates participation by signing each applicable MBE/WBE Utilization Plan, and completing each VBE Commitment Form contained with the Contract Document.

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 Appendix V during 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.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 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.

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.

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 Project Manager for this contract is **Scott Alecci**. This contact person will provide online responses to online inquiries.

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

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/01 et. Seq.)

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive Bidder, unless all bids are rejected.

**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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