

# NOTICE

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

SUBURBAN GREEN SCHOOLYARD PILOT PROJECT 1 IN BURNHAM, ILLINOIS  
CONTRACT 24-279-5F

**PROPOSALS ARE DUE TUESDAY, MAY 6, 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 6, 2025. 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 (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.” 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 Material Management by downloading online from the District’s website at [www.mwrld.org](http://www.mwrld.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@mwrld.org](mailto:contractdesk@mwrld.org) or call 312-751-6643.

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

1. Time lapse video of the project.
2. Installation of one (1) 48” concrete manhole and two (2) Type A Inlets.
3. Excavation and installation of specified artificial turf and permeable rubber surfacing with grade access to two (2) observation wells, one (1) 12” PVC inflow structure, one (1) 18” PVC inflow structure, and two (2) 10” cleanout structures.

4. Excavation and installation of resilient rubber and artificial turf. Excavation and installation of pedestrian asphalt track and asphalt play areas with CA-6 base. Rubber surfacing area, artificial turf, and asphalt track are surrounded by a 6" flush concrete curb.
5. Excavation and installation of variable depth subsurface aggregate layer with CA-16 and CA-7 clean stone, filter fabric and underdrain piping.
6. Installation of concrete base under specified areas of permeable rubber surfacing.
7. Excavation and installation of an infiltration trench with bioretention soil media and CA-7 clean stone subsurface section with one (1) at grade observation well access.
8. Coordinating associated excavation, haul off and disposal for the installation of green infrastructure (GI) features.
9. Clearing and grubbing of existing fields and the removal of asphalt, concrete and wood fiber surfaces.
10. Installation of variable depth planting soil, planting of native perennials, sod and 3" mulch cover across the entire proposed landscape area as designed in the landscape plans.
11. Establishment of temporary site erosion control including: inlet protection, perimeter erosion control, silt fences, construction fencing, tree protection, material stockpiles and a stabilized construction entrance.
12. Removal of some existing play equipment and relocation of one (1) basketball goal and two (2) storage structures.
13. Installation of educational signage.
14. Removal of chain link fencing.
15. Site restoration work including replacement of concrete and asphalt pavement along with landscaping work.
16. Installation of shade structure.
17. Planting of twenty-three (23) shade trees and seven (7) ornamental trees.
18. Installation of new fences and gates.
19. Installation of netting, poles and foundations along fence.
20. Installation of 12" planting soil, planting of native perennials, sod and 3" mulch cover across west proposed landscape area.
21. Installation of new playground equipment and associated foundations.
22. Installation of game and educational floor striping on asphalt surfaces, not inclusive of track striping, basketball court striping, and parking striping which shall be included in the base bid.
23. Installation of precast concrete seating and cast-in-place seat walls, and deduction of curbing around planter areas that will no longer be needed.
24. Clearing and grubbing of existing lawn and the removal of asphalt, and concrete.
25. Removal of one (1) existing tree.
26. Relocation of trash dumpsters and installation of accessible trash dumpster access.
27. Installation of new 5' and 6' fences and gates for trash enclosure and street separation.
28. Extension of vehicular guardrail.
29. Expansion of concrete parking lot to include four (4) additional parking stalls.
30. Installation of parking striping to delineate a total of twelve (12) parking stalls.
31. Site restoration work including: replacement of concrete and asphalt pavement along with landscaping work.
32. Remove and dispose of 167 LF of existing fence and double swing gate.
33. Install 167 LF of type 2 fence and double swing gate.

The project site is located at Burnham Elementary School District 154.5: 13945 South Green Bay Avenue, Burnham, Illinois.

The District intends to issue one Contract to one bidder for all the work to be performed. **Low bidder will be selected based on base bid price.** Six alternates are included in this bid package representing portions of the work that the District may optionally choose to award. Bidders must quote all of the alternate bid items to be considered a responsive bidder.

The Engineer's estimated cost for this contract is between **\$1,805,000.00 and \$2,185,000.00**, which includes an estimated **\$400,000.00 of alternates.**

The bid deposit for this proposal is **Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Hundred Dollars (\$86,250.00).**

**The Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference will be held online via Zoom on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 10:00 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 [www.mwrd.org](http://www.mwrd.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.

**A Pre-Bid Site Walk-Through** will not take place for this contract. It is strongly recommended that the bidders walk the public Right of Way ("ROW") along the site to examine the working areas of the project and familiarize themselves with the nature of the work and the method of accomplishing the same.

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.

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.

The Project Manager will provide online responses to online inquiries.

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.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond in the amount of **Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$86,250.00)**. 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 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 District's Multi-Project Labor Agreement by submitting to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management a signed Certification of Compliance with the 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 shall submit with the Proposal a signed and completed MBE/WBE Utilization Plan, which lists the firms intended to be used as MBE/WBE, the type of work or service each will perform, and the dollar amount to be allocated to each MBE/WBE.

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 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, 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 an original or facsimile copy of the 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 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.

Subsequent to bid opening and if it is determined by the Diversity 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 "General Construction Services" for the MBE, WBE, and VBE utilization goals contained in the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and Appendix V. The associated goals are 15% Minority-owned Business Enterprises and/or Women-owned Business Enterprises and 3% Veteran-owned Business Enterprises. Should you have any questions, please contact the Diversity Office at 312-751-4035. The MBE and WBE goals apply only to Cost Proposal A.

It is required that the prospective bidder indicates participation by signing each applicable MBE/WBE Utilization Plan contained with the Contract Documents.

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 Appendix V during the life of the contract.

Bidders should read page R-2, Paragraph 6, in regards to questions on this Contract.

The Project Manager for this contract is Moriah Gelder. This Project Manager 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/.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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Chicago, Illinois  
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