



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2017

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Authorization for payment to the U.S. Water Alliance for the 2018 annual membership dues and the 2018 Value of Water Campaign Sponsorship in the amount of \$35,000.00, Account 101-15000-612280

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to make payment to the U.S. Water Alliance for the 2018 annual membership dues and the 2018 Value of Water Campaign Sponsorship in the amount of \$35,000.00. The term of the District's membership is January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The U.S. Water Alliance was established in 2008 to support "One Water" management, a concept that emphasizes the importance and value of each aspect of the water cycle and promotes more integrated, sustainable management of water and watersheds. The District has been a continuing member in support of the U.S. Water Alliance's work in exploring the complex issue of water sustainability.

Coordinated by the U.S. Water Alliance, the Value of Water Campaign educates and inspires people about how water is essential, invaluable, and in need of investment. The Value of Water Campaign brings together the best minds across the water industry and focuses on best-in-class communications and education tools, including national advocacy events such as "Infrastructure Week" and "Imagine a Day Without Water", to draw attention to the water infrastructure crisis and to spotlight solutions.

Inasmuch as the U.S. Water Alliance membership and the Value of Water Campaign Sponsorship are not available through any other source, nothing would be gained by advertising for bids (Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act).

It is hereby recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize payment, by direct voucher, to the U.S. Water Alliance, in the amount of \$35,000.00. Funds will be available in Account 101-15000-612280 contingent on the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for 2018.

Requested, Eileen M. McElligott, Administrative Services Officer, JRM:TG:PS
Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management
Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman Committee on Procurement
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners December 7, 2017