



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Authorization for payment to Core Consulting Group, LLC for tuition fees for four (4) participants to attend a Leadership Development Program for Emerging Leaders in the Wastewater Utility Industry, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, Account 101-25000-601100

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to make payment, by direct voucher, to Core Consulting Group, LLC for tuition fees for four (4) participants to attend a Leadership Development Program for Emerging Leaders in the Wastewater Utility Industry, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. The four individuals will be nominated by their respective Department Heads and approved by the Executive Director.

Core Consulting Group, LLC partnered with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) to develop a leadership development program targeted specifically at emerging leaders in the wastewater utility industry. The purpose of the partnership is to develop "utility leaders of the future" who are equipped to effectively lead this industry and the communities they serve well into the future.

The program consists of six-month hybrid learning and development courses beginning in January, 2020 and culminating in a graduation in July, 2020. This program includes participants from six (6) wastewater utilities in the Illinois, Minneapolis, and Wisconsin region. It will include four (4) full-day in-person workshops and four (4) webinars along with a clean water innovation capstone project. Each workshop location will be rotated and conducted at participating utilities. A total deposit fee of \$10,000.00 is required for four (4) participants and will be applied towards the total cost of the program. The total tuition, including the deposit for four (4) participants to attend this program is \$20,000.00.

Core Consulting Group, LLC is not registered to transact business in Illinois, but has submitted a certificate of good standing from the State of Ohio. The Director of Human Resources has given approval to move forward with the recommendation to award.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize payment by direct voucher to Core Consulting Group, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the deposit fee and without competitive bidding in accordance with Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act.

Funds are available in Account 101-25000-601100 for the deposit. Funds for the 2020 expenditure are contingent upon the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for that year.

Requested, Beverly K. Sanders, Director of Human Resources, BKS:RJB:KMB

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 for September 19, 2019