



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 20, 2010**

#### COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Richard Lanyon, Executive Director

Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., to Perform Annual Steel Pipe Wall Condition Assessment at the Mainstream Pumping Station, in an amount not to exceed \$23,300.00, Account 101-69000-612600, Requisition 1298100

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., (WJE) to perform the annual steel pipe wall condition assessment at the Mainstream Pumping Station. The purchase order will expire December 31, 2010.

WJE performed the original pipe condition study for the Mainstream Pumping Station (MSPS) under Engineering Contract 02-116-2P. In their report of March 2005, WJE recommended that the District perform a limited assessment of the steel piping every year, and a comprehensive assessment every five years.

It is important that any pipe wall thickness data be consistent, accurate and reliable, so that comparisons with the originally obtained data would allow a valid analysis of the current condition of MSPS piping. The only way to achieve this is if all future thickness measurements are taken by the Consultant who performed the original study.

Because of potential liability issues, it would be prudent that all future studies be performed by the same Consultant. WJE has performed these services for the District in the past per the report recommendation.

WJE, the sole source provider for the steel pipe wall condition assessment services, has submitted prices for the services required. Inasmuch as WJE is the only source of supply for the services required, nothing would be gained by advertising for bids. (Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act).

WJE is registered and in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Multi-Project Labor Agreement is not applicable because of the specialized nature of the work. If trade work is required, in-house trades will perform the work.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the Director of Procurement and Materials Management be authorized to issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$23,300.00.

Funds are available in Account 101-69000-612600.

Requested, Manju Sharma, Acting Director of Maintenance and Operations

Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management, DAL:SEB:JN:ms

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 May 20, 2010