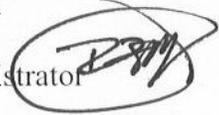


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration **DATE:** August 21, 2023
Diversity Section

TO: Dr. Catherine O'Connor, Director of Engineering

FROM: Richard L. Martinez Jr., Acting Diversity Administrator 

SUBJECT: Contract 11-404-3S – Upper Des Plaines 11-D Ext C
Rehabilitation, NSA

LOW BIDDER: Benchmark Construction, LLC

The Low Bidder, Benchmark Construction, LLC, has submitted company information and MBE and VBE Business Verification Forms for the firms identified in the subject contract's Affirmative Action Revised Utilization Plan and VBE Commitment Form.

The MBE, WBE and VBE utilization goals, for the subject contract are: 5% MBE and/or WBE and 3% VBE. The Affirmative Action goal category is "General Construction." According to the bidder's Revised Utilization Plan, the bidder has committed to the following goals:

<u>MBE</u>	<u>WBE</u>	<u>VBE</u>
5.4%	-	3.02%

Based upon the information above, Benchmark Construction, LLC, is in apparent compliance with the requirements of Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and Appendix V.

RLM:FF

Attachments

c: D. LoCascio, L. Cornier, S. Morakalis, L. , F. Wu

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF
GREATER CHICAGO**

MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

For Local and Small business entities - Definitions for terms used below can be found in Appendix D: MBE - Section 5(u); WBE - Section 5(ff); SBE - Section 5(z).

NOTE: The Bidder shall submit with the Bid, originals or facsimile copies of all MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent furnished to all MBEs and WBEs. IF A BIDDER FAILS TO INCLUDE signed copies of the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and all signed MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent with its bid, said bid will be deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

All Bidders must sign the signature page UP-4 of the Utilization Plan, even if a waiver is requested.

Name of Bidder: BENCHMARK CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Contract No.: 11-404-3S

Affirmative Action Contact & Phone No.: RON BURTON 630-497-1700

E-Mail Address: ronb@bmk8.com

Total Bid: \$ 8,348,000.00

**MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN AND ALL SIGNED MBE/WBE
SUBCONTRACTOR'S LETTER OF INTENT MUST BE
COMPLETED, SIGNED AND ACCOMPANY YOUR BID!!!**

* revised 8/11/2023 * R.B.

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of MBE and contact person: United Enterprises LLC. - Pedro Rey RAMIREZ. Sr.
Business Phone Number: 708 979 4959 Email Address: pjramirez@unitedenterprise11c.com
Address: 9220 W. Ogden Ave. Ste. R. - Brookfield IL 60513
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: under ground work for bypassing sewer and manhole abandonment

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 2
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$ 240,000.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid!!!

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of MBE and contact person: Tyro Construction Inc. - Tracy Perkins
Business Phone Number: 312 363 3290 Email Address: dpatel@tyroconstruction.com
Address: 2332 S. Michigan Ave - CHICAGO IL 60616
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: HMA milling + replacement of HMA

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 2
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$ 138,442.50

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid!!!

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of MBE and contact person: Whitelme Construction Inc. - Mohammed Asfar
Business Phone Number: 708 692 0888 Email Address: dean@whitelmeconstruction.net
Address: 4722 S. Spaulding - Chicago IL 60632
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: concrete flat works restoration (sidewalks, c/g, full base course)

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 2
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$ 73,250.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid!!!

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

WBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: _____

Business Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____

Total Dollar Amount Participation: _____

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid!!!

WBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: _____

Business Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____

Total Dollar Amount Participation: _____

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid!!!

WBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: _____

Business Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____

Total Dollar Amount Participation: _____

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid!!!

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

SIGNATURE SECTION

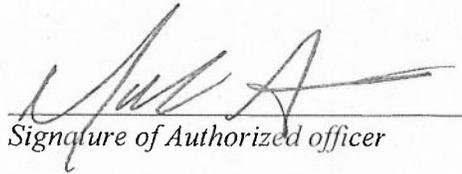
On Behalf of BENCHMARK CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. I/We hereby acknowledge that
(name of company)

I/WE have read Revised Appendix D, will comply with the provisions of Revised Appendix D, and intend to use the MBEs and WBEs listed above in the performance of this contract and/or have completed the Waiver Request Form. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the facts and representations contained in this Exhibit are true, and no material facts have been omitted.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct, and that I am authorized, on behalf of the bidder, to make this affidavit.

8/4/2023

Date


Signature of Authorized officer

ATTEST:

MARK ATKINS, PRESIDENT
Print name and title


Secretary TIM STREPEK
CORP. SECRETARY

630-497-1700
Phone number

- 1) The Bidder is required to sign and execute this page, EVEN IF A WAIVER IS BEING REQUESTED.
- 2) Failure to do so will result in a nonresponsive bid and rejection of the bid.
- 3) If a waiver is requested, the bidder must also complete the following "WAIVER REQUEST FORM."

The MBE/ WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/ WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! !

REVISED DECEMBER, 2022

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WAIVER REQUEST FORM

If a waiver is requested, the Bidder is required to sign and execute this page.

Contract No.: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

Contact Person and Phone Number: _____

With respect to the contract specified above, the Bidder hereby requests a total or partial waiver of the requirement that, pursuant to Section 15 (a)-(d) of the Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D, it files a MBE/WBE Utilization Plan or achieve a particular goal for MBE/WBE participation in the contract. The reasons for the request are as follows:

On Behalf of _____ (name of company) I/We hereby acknowledge that

I/WE have read Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D, will comply with the provisions of Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D, and intend to use the MBEs and WBEs listed in the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan in the performance of this contract and have completed the Waiver Request Form. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the facts and representations contained in this Waiver Request Form are true, and no material facts have been omitted.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct, and that I am authorized, on behalf of the contractor, to make this affidavit.

Date

Signature of Authorized officer

ATTEST:

Print name and title

Secretary

Phone number

NOTE TO BIDDERS

All Waiver requests are evaluated carefully by the District. **The evaluation is based on your firm's documented GOOD FAITH EFFORTS.**

The GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MUST be Undertaken PRIOR to your bid submittal to the District.
Good Faith Efforts are identified on pp. D21-D22, Section 15. Utilization Plan Submission (e), (i)(1)-(8).

The MBE/ WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/ WBE Subcontractor's Letter of intent MUST Accompany the Bid! ! !

VBE COMMITMENT FORM

1. Name of VBE: Valor Construction Services Inc
Identify MBE, WBE, SBE Status: SDVOSB Address: 110 W. Woodstock St. Ste. A
City, State, Zip Code: Crystal Lake IL 60014
Contact Person: Eric Weldon Telephone Number: 219 306 2558
eMail Address: eweldon@vabrecs.com
Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ 251,950.⁰⁰ Percent of Participation: 3.02 %
Scope of Work: Providing Laborers and operators for general construction

2. Name of VBE: _____
Identify MBE, WBE, SBE Status: _____ Address: _____
City, State Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number: _____
eMail Address: _____
Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ _____ Percent of Participation: _____ %
Scope of Work: _____

3. Name of VBE: _____
Identify MBE, WBE, SBE Status: _____ Address: _____
City, State Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number: _____
eMail Address: _____
Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ _____ Percent of Participation: _____ %
Scope of Work: _____

4. Name of VBE: _____
Identify MBE, WBE, SBE Status: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number: _____
eMail Address: _____
Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ _____ Percent of Participation: _____ %
Scope of Work: _____

Attach a copy of qualifications for each VBE firm