

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: June 27, 2025

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

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

Richard L. Martinez, Jr.

SUBJECT: Contract 23-416-2S, Kirie-Egan Solids Pipeline Rehabilitation Section
No. 1, NSA

LOW BIDDER: Michels Trenchless, Inc.

The lowest responsive Bidder, Michels Trenchless, Inc. has submitted company information and "MBE/WBE/VBE Business Verification Forms" for the firms identified on the subject contract's Affirmative Action Utilization Plan and VBE Commitment Form.

The MBE, WBE and VBE Utilization Goals for the above-mentioned contract are 4% MBE and/or WBE, and 3% VBE. According to the Bidder's Utilization Plan and VBE Commitment Form, the Bidder has committed to the following goals:

<u>MBE</u>	<u>WBE</u>	<u>VBE</u>
2.4%	*	26.4%

Therefore, Michels Trenchless, Inc. is in apparent compliance with the requirements of Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and Appendix V.

RLM:DAF

Attachment

cc: D. LoCascio, L. Cornier, S. Morakalis, N. Lopez, M. Valdez, P. Kunath, file

*Bidder provided partial waiver for MBE and WBE participation and waiver was granted

**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: Michels Trenchless, Inc.

Contract No.: 23-416-2S

Affirmative Action Contact & Phone No.: Jamie Mielke, 920-583-2984

E-Mail Address: jamie.mielke@michels.us

Total Bid: \$7,274,537.00

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

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of MBE and contact person: KALGen Consultants, Inc. Contact: Tadeusez Wiczowski
Business Phone Number: 630-516-0901 Email Address: tadeusz@kalgeninc.com
Address: 1940 Internationale Pkwy Ste, 600, Woodridge, IL 60517
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: Material Testing

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 3, 7

Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$34,000.00

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: Hamilton Construction, Inc. Contact: Marc Morale
Business Phone Number: 779-435-3772 Email Address: marchci@gmail.com
Address: 21200 S LaGrange Rd, Frankfort, IL 60423
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: Vac Truck and Labor

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 2, 7

Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$90,000.00

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: Barricade Lites, Inc. Contact: Jose Alvarado
Business Phone Number: 773-551-3708 Email Address: j.alvarado@blites.com
Address: 1490 Jeffrey Drive, Addison, IL 60101
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: Traffic Control

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 2, 5, 6, 7

Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$50,000.00

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 Michels Trenchless, 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.

05/05/2025

Date


Signature of Authorized officer

ATTEST:

Steven Kenny - Vice President, Business Operations
Print name and title



Assistant Secretary, Andrew Simon

920-924-4300

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! ! !

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

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

Contract No.: 23-416-2S

Name of Bidder: Michels Trenchless, Inc.

Contact Person and Phone Number: Steven Kenny, 920-924-4300

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:

Combined M/WBE (2.39%) and VOB (26.43%) equals 28.82% of contract value going toward goal.

Please see attached Good Faith Efforts.

On Behalf of Michels Trenchless, Inc. I/We hereby acknowledge that
(name of company)

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.

05/05/2025

Date


Signature of Authorized officer

ATTEST:

Steven Kenny, Vice President, Business Operations
Print name and title


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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: Airy's, Inc.
Identify MBE, WBE Status: N/A Address: 21825 Cherry Hill Road
City, State, Zip Code: Joliet, IL 60433
Contact Person: Ryan Hill Telephone Number: 708-429-0660
eMail Address: estimating@airys.com
*Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ 1,922,500.00 Percent of Participation: 26.56 %
Scope of Work: Excavation, Access Pits, Air Relief, Structure, Blow Off Structure, Connection Structure,
Access Road

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

* If a MBE or WBE will be utilized to accomplish the VBE Contract Goal, then the VBE commitment amount must be entered as a separate dollar amount. VBE Contract Goals are separate and distinct from the MBE and WBE Contract Goals.

Attach a copy of qualifications for each VBE business.