

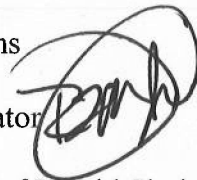
## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

### METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

**DEPARTMENT:** General Administration  
Diversity Section

**DATE:** October 3, 2023

**TO:** John P. Murray, Director, Maintenance and Operations

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

**SUBJECT:** Goal Review for Contract 24-847-11 – Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant

We have reviewed the specifications for the subject contract, the labor and equipment requirements in addition to the contract cost estimates. Our review indicates that MBE/WBE and VBE goals are not recommended for this contract due to the specialty nature of the work, and the lack of available M/W/VBE subcontractors to perform the scope of work.

The contract's detailed specifications require the work to be performed over a three-year period between 2024 to 2027 at an estimated total cost of \$543,440. The contractor is required to furnish all labor, equipment, and supervision to haul approximately 11.4 million gallons of liquid sludge over the life of the contract at approximately 78,00 gallons per week. The detailed specifications require the contractor to own at least two operable tanker trucks at all times, having a nominal capacity of 6,000 gallons, and (2) 4-inch quick connect vent connections on the top of the tankers. The tanker trucks must be furnished with equipment meeting Federal and State of Illinois requirements.

The availability search identified multiple M/W/VBE contractors in the categories of hauling, waste and sludge, with 0 M/W/VBE contractors identified in the required liquid sludge hauling specialty category. Only 1 contractor responded as having the ability to team with another subcontractor to perform a portion of the identified scope.

Based upon the highly specialized nature of the work and the lack of available M/W/VBEs to perform, the Affirmative Action Revised Appendix D and Appendix V should not be included.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Hardney, Diversity Officer, at extension 14030.

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Attachment(s)

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