

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO**

**DEPARTMENT:** General Administration,  
Diversity Section

**DATE:** July 25, 2025

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

**FROM:** Richard L. Martinez, Jr., Diversity Administrator *RLM/PCS*

**SUBJECT: Goal Review of Contract 18-249-AF Central Park Stormwater Detention Basin and Separate Storm Sewer Improvements in Harvey**

We have reviewed the specifications for the subject contract, including the material, labor and equipment. The work under this contract should be classified as "General and Heavy Construction." The associated Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE) individual goals are: **20% MBE, 10% WBE and 3% VBE. The MBE and WBE goals do not apply to the portion of the work identified in the contract as Allowance Items, Contingency Items and Unit Price Items.** The goals should be specified in the Invitation to Bid, the Proposal, and the Agreement.

In addition:

- A Pre-Bid Conference **must be** conducted.
- A Suppliers Exception **has** been recommended.
- The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, dated December 31, 2022, **must** be included.
- Appendix K **does not apply**.
- Assist Agencies List **must be** included.
- Appendix C **does not apply**.
- Appendix V **must be** included.
- The following language **must be** included: "The Contractor must use the District's online compliance monitoring system administered by the Diversity Section for payment and reporting purposes, in order to fulfill the Affirmative Action Program requirements."

Also, please refer to attached **Revised** memo, dated June 14, 2023, for new boiler plate language. This language should be consistent in its incorporation in the Invitation to Bid, the Proposal, and the Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan M. Schaefer, Diversity Officer, [schaefer@mwrdd.org](mailto:schaefer@mwrdd.org).

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Attachments

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