


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: May 20, 2021

TO: Catherine O'Connor, Director of Engineering

FROM: Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator 

SUBJECT: Review for Contract No. 15-266-4H5, Decommissioning of the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, CSA

We have reviewed the specifications for the subject contract and the material, labor, equipment, and man-hours breakdown by trades. The work under this contract should be classified as "Construction Services." The tailored individual goals for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (VBE) are **8%MBE and/or WBE, 8%SBE, and 3% VBE**.

Furthermore, the following language pertaining to **Special Training Provisions for Apprentices**, as specified in Appendix K "Declaration of Policy Special Provisions for Apprenticeships" should be included in the Invitation to Bid, the Proposal, and the Agreement, and elsewhere in the contract documents where goals are mentioned:

"The Bidder agrees to fulfill the Special Training for Apprentices as specified in the Appendix K and to provide training opportunities throughout the life of the contract. The requirements of the Special Training for Apprentices are 270 Minority and /or Female Hours for the purpose of this contract".

In addition:

- A Pre-Bid Conference **should** be conducted
- A Suppliers Exception **has not** been recommended
- The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, dated May 21, 2020, **must** be included
- Appendix K **must** be included
- Appendix C **must** be included
- Appendix V **must** be included
- Exhibit C **must not** be included
- Assist Agencies List **must** be included
- The following language **must** be included: "The Contractor agrees to 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 the attached **Revised** memo, dated February 22, 2021, 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 Diversity Officer, Jason H. Bullock, at extension 14038.

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Attachment(s)

c: LoCascio, Cornier, Morakalis, Wawczak, Storino, Bullock, file