

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

**DEPARTMENT:** General Administration **DATE:** December 8, 2023  
Diversity Section

**TO:** John Murray, Director of Maintenance and Operations

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

**SUBJECT:** **Contract 22-601-21, Furnish, Deliver and Install Filter Bags at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant**

**LOW BIDDER:** BCE-USA, LLC

The Low Bidder, BCE-USA, LLC, has submitted company information and MBE Business Verification Forms for itself as the firm identified within the subject contract's Affirmative Action Utilization Plan.

The MBE and WBE individual tailored utilization goals applicable to this contract are: **10% MBE and/or WBE**. According to the bidder's Utilization Plan, the bidder has committed to the following goals:

<u>MBE</u>	<u>WBE</u>
90.8%	0%

Based upon the information above, BCE-USA, LLC is in apparent compliance with the requirements of Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D.

RLM:FF

Attachment

C: D. LoCascio, L. Cornier, S. Morakalis, E. Staudacher, J. Skawski, M. Kursell

**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: BCE-USA, LLC

Contract No.: 22-601-21

Affirmative Action Contact & Phone No.: Warren Bennie (815) 556-8037

E-Mail Address: info@bce-usa.com

Total Bid: \$198,000

**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: BCE-USA, LLC (Warren Bennie)

Business Phone Number: (815) 556-8037 Email Address: info@bce-usa.com

Address: 3500 Martens Street, Franklin Park, IL 60131

Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: BCE is the Prime Contractor on this project. We will procure the filters and direct a subcontractor that is signatory to the MPLA to install. We are a baghouse OEM.

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: 22-601-21

Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$198,000

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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!!**

**MBE UTILIZATION**

Name of MBE 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Attach additional sheets as needed)

**WBE UTILIZATION**

Name of WBE and contact person: N/A  
Business Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Attach additional sheets as needed)

## SIGNATURE SECTION

On Behalf of BCE-USA, LLC 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.

10/23/2023

*Date*

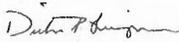


*Signature of Authorized officer*

ATTEST:

Warren Bennie (Manager)

*Print name and title*



Dieter Lingner

*Secretary*

(815) 556-8037

*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! !

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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: N/A

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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).

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