


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration, **DATE:** February 27, 2023
Diversity Section

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

FROM: Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator 

SUBJECT: **REVISED: Goal Review of Contract 23-684-21, "Equipment Painting & Rehabilitation at Various Locations (Group F)."**

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 associated Minority Business Enterprise and (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) individual goals are: **20% MBE, and 10% WBE and 3% VBE for Group F** of this contract. The goals should be specified in the Invitation to Bid, the Proposal, and the Agreement.

It is required that the Prospective Bidder indicate participation on **Group F** by signing all applicable Utilization Plans (Exhibit A), contained with the Contract Documents. *If the Bidder chooses not to participate in any particular group, that should be clearly indicated by writing "No Bid" on each Utilization Plan associated with the Bidder's non-participation on the applicable group.*

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, 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 for the purpose of this contract are as follows:

(Group F) 190 Minority and/or Female Hours

In addition:

- A Pre-Bid Conference **must be** conducted
- A Suppliers Exception **is** recommended for **Group F** and should be detailed on Page AU-1. *"Purchase of materials and supplies must be pre-approved if their purchase is related to Contract Goal attainment. The Bidder may count payments to MBE or WBE regular*

dealers or Manufactures for Contract Goal attainment for no more than fifty (50) percent of each MBE or WBE goal, unless otherwise approved by the Administrator. If the Bidder exceeds the supplier exception amount allowable as stated in the bid documents, the bid will be viewed as non-responsive.”

- One copy of The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, dated December 31, 2022, **must** be included
- One copy of the MBE, WBE, Utilization Plan, Waiver Request and the MBE, WBE, Subcontractor’s Letter of Intent (Pages UP-1 through UP-6) **should be included and labelled Group F**
- Appendix K **must** be included
- Appendix C **must** be included
- Assist Agencies List **must** be included
- Appendix V **should** 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, December 9, 2022, 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, Ms. Ouidie M. Pollard, at extension 1-3029.

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Attachments

c: LoCascio, Cornier, Morakalis, Grosko, Genser, Kursell, Skawski, file