


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: June 15, 2021

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

FROM: Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator 

SUBJECT: **Goal Review for Contract 22-656-11** – Services to Repair TARP DCS Computer Systems and Allen Bradley Equipment at Various Service Areas

We have reviewed the specifications for the subject contract and the material, labor, equipment and man-hour breakdown by trades. Our review indicates that MBE/WBE/SBE and VBE goals are not recommended for this contract due to the specialty nature of the work, and the lack of available M/W/S/VBE subcontractors to perform the contract's scopes of work.

The total estimated contract value is \$475,500 for the 3-year period. Item 1 Phone Support (TechConnect®) will require the product support level from Rockwell Automation for 293 controllers for the 36 months period, along with Item 2 On-Site Support, to provide on-site technical expertise on an as needed basis, per DS-6 and DS-7 of the contract documents. The total of Items 1 and 2, \$289,500, are to be provided by Rockwell Automation (a majority contractor) and should be excluded from the total contract amount subject to goal. This exclusion is confirmed by the project's Resident Engineer.

The provisions in the contract's Detailed Specifications requiring the Contractor to be an ISO 9000 Series certified repair center for the specified equipment (DS-1), and its subcontractors to have completed 5 or more projects of similar scope (DS-4), are additional limiting factors to M/W/S/VBE participation. For the remaining scope of work, Item 3, furnish and deliver re-manufactured Allen-Bradley parts by an authorized distributor (DS-7), only 1 MWSVBE, an out-of-state WBE company was found to meet the authorized distributor qualification.

If you have any questions, please contact Diversity Officer, Denise Hardney, via e-mail at HardneyD@mwr.org, and cc: MartinezR@mwr.org and BerryR@mwr.org.

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