

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: April 9, 2020

TO: Susan T. Morakalis, General Counsel

FROM: Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator



SUBJECT: Agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) to analyze root causes of flooding in Lower Salt Creek and Addison Creek River Basins in connection with ongoing litigation entitled *Hampton v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago* and *Jacklin v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*

Our review of this Agreement indicates that Affirmative Action goals are not recommended.

The purpose of this Agreement is to analyze root causes of flooding in the Lower Salt Creek and Addison Creek Basins for use by Marcelo H. Garcia, Ph.D. to provide the District expert witness services in the ongoing litigation entitled *Hampton v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago* and *Jacklin v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago*. The estimated cost for these services is \$230,000.00.

The requested services do not provide practical opportunities for direct or indirect subcontracting. The principal investigator for this project will be Marcelo H. Garcia, Ph.D. (Garcia) who is a professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UIUC. Garcia must be able to stake his professional reputation and credibility on his own work product. Reliance on another vendor is not feasible. Therefore, Appendix A nor Appendix V should be included.

Should you have any questions, please contact PJ Spencer, Diversity Officer, at extension 1-5876.

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Attachment

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