

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration,
Diversity Section

DATE: October 30, 2024

TO: Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering

FROM: Richard L. Martinez, Jr., Acting Diversity Administrator

Richard L. Martinez, Jr.

**SUBJECT: Goal Review of Contract 20-087-3P, Chemical Phosphorus Removal
at O'Brien WRP – 98% Review**

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 “Mechanical.” The associated Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE) individual goals are: **15% MBE and/or WBE and 3% VBE. The MBE and WBE goals do not apply to the portion of the work identified in the contract as Allowance Items, Contingency Items and Unit Price Items nor to the portion of the work assigned to the DCS manufacturer ABB, as ABB is the sole source supplier of materials and services of this Contract (Cost Proposal B).** The goals should be specified in the Invitation to Bid, the Proposal, and the Agreement.

Furthermore, the following language pertaining to Special 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 Provisions for Apprentices as specified in Appendix K and to provide training opportunities throughout the life of the contract. For the purpose of this contract, the requirements of the Special Training Provisions for Apprentices are **1000** minority hours and **350** female hours.

In addition:

- A Pre-Bid Conference **must be** conducted.
- A Suppliers Exception **has** been recommended.
- The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, dated December 31, 2022, **must** be included.
- Appendix K **must be** included.
- Assist Agencies List **must be** included.
- Appendix C **must be** included.
- Appendix V **must be** included.
- The following language **must be** included: “**The Contractor must 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 attached **Revised** memo, dated June 14, 2023, 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 Susan M. Schaefer, Diversity Officer, at 847/975-9074.

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Attachments

c: LoCascio, Morakalis, O'Brien, Cornier, Kunath, Lopez, Valdez, file