

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT  
OF GREATER CHICAGO**

**DEPARTMENT:** General Administration  
Diversity Section

**DATE:** April 29, 2021

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

**FROM:** Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Goal Review for Contract 21-886-11 – Reline FRP Sodium Hypochlorite  
Tanks at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant

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 limited scope of work.

The availability research identified 22 vendors as able to perform this limited work scope. Only 1 M/W/S/VBE contractor responded as having the expertise and capability to perform the identified scope of work, relining of fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP) sodium hypochlorite tanks. This work also entails demolition of the existing liners. The provisions in the Detailed Specifications (DS-1 and DS-3, respectively) requiring the "Contractor to provide all special scaffolding and temporary supports," as well as "a dust containment system" are additional limiting factors to M/W/S/VBE participation on this low value contract, with no subdividable tasks.

The contract's Detailed Specifications (DS-1) require 'the work be performed by ASME RTP-1 certified fabricators and laminators with 5 years' experience in FRP tank repair.' The total estimated contract value is \$204,200. Due to the highly specialized nature of the work to be performed, the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D should not be included.

If you have any questions, please contact Diversity Officer, Denise Hardney, at extension 14030.

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Attachment(s)

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