


INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration, **DATE:** July 14, 2021
Diversity Section

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

FROM: Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator 

SUBJECT: **98% Review of Contract 19-542-3MR – Central Boiler Facility and Electrical Updates at Hanover Park WRP**

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 Small Business Enterprise (SBE) individual goals are: **20% MBE, 9% WBE, 10% SBE, and 3% VBE.** The goals should be specified in the Invitation to Bid, the Proposal, and the Agreement.

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 1370 Minority and 480 Female Hours for the purpose of the contract".

In addition:

- A Pre-Bid Conference **must** be conducted
- A Suppliers Exception **has** been recommended
- The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, dated May 21, 2020, **must** be included
- Appendix K **must** be included
- Appendix C **must** be included
- Assist Agencies List **must** be included
- Appendix V **must** 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."

“The Director of Procurement and Materials Management has granted an exception to Section 11(i) of the Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D. The exception will allow the bidder to utilize MBE, WBE, SBE, or VBE for 100% goal attainment in their respective categories”.

Also, please refer to the attached **Revised** memo, February 22, 2021, 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, Chase Carthen, at extension 14043.

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Attachments

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