

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO**

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: March 4, 2021

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

FROM: Regina D. Berry, Diversity Administrator 

SUBJECT: **Goal Review for Contract 20-985-11** – Specialized Railroad Car Repair and Rebuilding in the Stickney Service Area

Our review of this contract and specifications indicates that the Affirmative Action goals are not recommended.

The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and Appendix V will not be included in this contract due to the specialty nature of the work, and the lack of available M/W/S/VBE subcontractors to perform the scope of work.

The availability search identified 19 vendors as able to perform on the limited work scope. Only 1 contractor responded as having the expertise and capacity to perform part of the identified scope of work. The contract's qualifications requiring AAR Quality Assurance M-1003 certification, B-25, and B-26, for repair facilities engaged in wreck damage and repair/modification services was an additional limiting factor to M/W/S/VBE participation.

The contract's detailed specifications require the Contractor to perform specialized repair and rebuilding work on pneumatically operated side-dump railroad cars and one heavy-duty flat car. In addition, 94.1% of the work of the contract will be performed off-site at the contractor's facility.

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

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Attachment(s)

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