

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO**

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: February 18, 2026

TO: Pinakin Desai, Acting Director, Maintenance and Operations

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



SUBJECT: Goal Review for Contract 26-847-11 – Truck Hauling of Liquid Sludge from the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant

We have reviewed the specifications for the subject contract, the labor and equipment requirements and the contract cost estimate. Our review indicates that MBE/WBE and VBE goals are not recommended for this contract due to the specialty nature of the work, as well as a lack of available M/W/VBE subcontractors to perform the work.

The contract's detailed specifications require the work to be performed over a three-year period between 2026 to 2029 at an estimated total cost of \$612,000. The contractor is required to furnish all labor, equipment, and supervision to haul approximately 14.1 million gallons of liquid sludge over the life of the contract. The detailed specifications require the contractor to own at least two operable tanker trucks at all times, having a nominal capacity of 6,000 gallons, and (2) 4-inch quick connect vent connections on the top of the tankers. The tanker trucks must be furnished with equipment meeting Federal and State of Illinois requirements.

The availability search identified multiple M/W/VBE contractors in the categories of hauling, waste and sludge, with 0 M/W/VBE contractors identified in the required liquid sludge hauling specialty category.

Based upon the highly specialized nature of the work and the lack of available M/W/VBEs to perform, the Affirmative Action Revised Appendix D and Appendix V should not be included.

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

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Attachment(s)

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