

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: July 2, 2025

TO: Pinakin Desai, Acting Director of Maintenance and Operations
Richard L. Martinez, Jr.

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

SUBJECT: REVISED Goal Review of Contract 26-634-11 – “Services to Inspect and Repairs to Cathodic Protection Systems”

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

The Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and Appendix V will not be included in this contract because of the limited availability of MBE/WBE/VBE participants and the specialization of the project.

This project with a total estimated bid deposit of \$650,000.00 requires the Contractor to provide and to be specialized in the design, installation, testing and repair of various cathodic protection systems in the Stickney, Calumet, Kirie, Hanover, Egan, and O’Brien service areas. The Contractor must also be certified by the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP) with three (3) years of expertise in designing, installing, inspecting, testing, repairing, servicing, calibrating, maintaining, and commissioning the type of equipment specified herein.

A recent search of the MBE/WBE/VBE database identified a limited number of MBEs, WBEs or VBEs that understand corrosion science with a background in electro chemistry specific to dealing with metals beyond the basics that are needed for the specialization of piping corrosion and cathodic protection systems. As a result, there are an insufficient number of MBEs, WBEs or VBEs available that meet the qualifications for this contract.

If you have any questions, please contact Ouidie M. Pollard, Diversity Officer, at (773) 370-5428.

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