

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT: General Administration **DATE:** June 3, 2026
Diversity Section

TO: Dr. Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering
Richard L. Martinez, Jr.

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

SUBJECT: Contract 21-092-3P, Battery E Activated Sludge Facility, O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant

LOW BIDDER: **Michels Construction, Inc.**

The lowest responsive bidder, Michels Construction, Inc. has submitted company information and "MBE/WBE/VBE Business Verification Forms" for the firms identified on the subject contract's Affirmative Action Utilization Plan.

The MBE, WBE and VBE Utilization Goals for the above-mentioned contract are 20% MBE, 10% WBE and 3% VBE. According to the bidder's Revised Utilization Plan and VBE Commitment Form, the bidder has committed to the following goals:

<u>MBE</u>	<u>WBE</u>	<u>VBE</u>
20.04%	10.01%	3.02%

Therefore, Michels Construction, Inc. is in apparent compliance with the requirements of Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D and Appendix V.

RLM:DAF

Attachment

cc: LoCascio, Morakalis, Cornier, Lopez, Valdez, Kunath, file

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF
GREATER CHICAGO**

MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN

For Local and Small business entities - Definitions for terms used below can be found in Appendix D: MBE - Section 5(u); WBE - Section 5(ff); SBE - Section 5(z).

NOTE: The Bidder shall submit with the Bid, originals or facsimile copies of all MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent furnished to all MBEs and WBEs. IF A BIDDER FAILS TO INCLUDE signed copies of the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and all signed MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent with its bid, said bid will be deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

All Bidders must sign the signature page UP-4 of the Utilization Plan, even if a waiver is requested.

Name of Bidder: Michels Construction, Inc.

Contract No.: 21-092-3P

Affirmative Action Contact & Phone No.: John Israel 920-539-2759

E-Mail Address: jisrael@michels.us

Total Bid: \$378,327,986.00

MBE/WBE UTILIZATION PLAN AND ALL SIGNED MBE/WBE SUBCONTRACTOR'S LETTER OF INTENT MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND ACCOMPANY YOUR BID!!!

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: LeElectric Inc. Nhu (Lee) Nguyen
Business Phone Number: 331-642-3971 Email Address: LeeNguyen@LeElectricalconstruction.com
Address: 159 Carriage Dr, Carol Stream, IL 60188
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Electrical Services

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: 30,101,529.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! ! !

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: Lopez Industries Inc. Miguel Lopez
Business Phone Number: 773-851-0735 Email Address: miguel@lozeindustriesinc.com
Address: 9425 S Kenton Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Quad-Axel Trucking

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$5,100,000.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! ! !

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: Penn Services John Wilson
Business Phone Number: 847-312-0654 Email Address: jwilson@pennbuilds.com
Address: 800 E Northwest Hwy. Suite 614 Palatine, IL 60074
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Misc Metals

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$10,547,432.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! ! !

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

MBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: Cabo Construction Corp Robert Bohac
Business Phone Number: 773-521-2226 Email Address: info@caboconstructioncorp.com
Address: 1235 S Kilbourn Ave, Chicago, IL 60623
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Utilities

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$2,496,000.00

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MBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: _____
Business Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Address: _____
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: _____

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MBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: _____
Business Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____
Address: _____
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: _____

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(Attach additional sheets as needed)

WBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: Blackrock Construction Inc. Owen Harvey
Business Phone Number: 630-901-4921 Email Address: owen@blackrock-construction.com
Address: 900 Oakmont Lane, Suite 430, Wesmont, IL 60559
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Cast-in Place Concrete

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: 34,140,000.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! !

WBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: Foundations Mechanics Jennifer Mikos
Business Phone Number: 773-234-3087 Email Address: juan@foundationmech.com
Address: 8604 W Catalpa Ave, Suite 907, Chicago, IL 60656
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Pre-cast Wall, Excavation

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$2,134,000.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! !

WBE UTILIZATION

Name of WBE and contact person: KR Tech Group Barbara Koval
Business Phone Number: 630-398-7796 Email Address: info@krtechgroupinc.com
Address: 1547 Brandy Pky, Streamwood, IL 60107
Description of Work, Services or Supplies to be provided: _____
Unit Masonry, Concrete

CONTRACT ITEM NO.: _____
Total Dollar Amount Participation: \$1,596,000.00

The MBE/WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! !

(Attach additional sheets as needed)

SIGNATURE SECTION

On Behalf of Michels Construction, Inc. I/We hereby acknowledge that
(name of company)

I/WE have read Revised Appendix D, will comply with the provisions of Revised Appendix D, and intend to use the MBEs and WBEs listed above in the performance of this contract and/or have completed the Waiver Request Form. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the facts and representations contained in this Exhibit are true, and no material facts have been omitted.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct, and that I am authorized, on behalf of the bidder, to make this affidavit.

6/3/2026

Date


Signature of Authorized officer

ATTEST:

Josh Senk, Vice President
Print name and title



Secretary

262-924-4300

Phone number

- 1) The Bidder is required to sign and execute this page, EVEN IF A WAIVER IS BEING REQUESTED.**
- 2) Failure to do so will result in a nonresponsive bid and rejection of the bid.**
- 3) If a waiver is requested, the bidder must also complete the following “WAIVER REQUEST FORM.”**

The MBE/ WBE Utilization Plan and the MBE/ WBE Subcontractor's Letter of Intent MUST Accompany the Bid! ! !

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

If a waiver is requested, the Bidder is required to sign and execute this page.

Contract No.: _____

Name of Bidder: _____

Contact Person and Phone Number: _____

With respect to the contract specified above, the Bidder hereby requests a total or partial waiver of the requirement that, pursuant to Section 15 (a)-(d) of the Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D, it files a MBE/WBE Utilization Plan or achieve a particular goal for MBE/WBE participation in the contract. The reasons for the request are as follows:

On Behalf of _____ I/We hereby acknowledge that
(name of company)

I/WE have read Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D, will comply with the provisions of Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D, and intend to use the MBEs and WBEs listed in the MBE/WBE Utilization Plan in the performance of this contract and have completed the Waiver Request Form. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the facts and representations contained in this Waiver Request Form are true, and no material facts have been omitted.

I do solemnly declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing document are true and correct, and that I am authorized, on behalf of the contractor, to make this affidavit.

Date

Signature of Authorized officer

ATTEST:

Print name and title

Secretary

Phone number

NOTE TO BIDDERS

All Waiver requests are evaluated carefully by the District. **The evaluation is based on your firm's documented GOOD FAITH EFFORTS.**

The GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MUST be Undertaken PRIOR to your bid submittal to the District.

Good Faith Efforts are identified on pp. D21-D22, Section 15. Utilization Plan Submission (e), (i) (1)-(8).

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