

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO**

DEPARTMENT: General Administration
Diversity Section

DATE: February 6, 2024

TO: Edward W. Podczerwinski, Director of Monitoring and Research

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



SUBJECT: Review of Tailored Research Collaboration Grant Agreement with the Water Research Foundation for a Study on Balancing Carbon Management, Energy Management, Energy Production, Nutrient Removal, and Densification (Requisition 1613837)

Our review of this grant agreement indicates that affirmative action goals are not recommended.

The District is requesting to enter into a Tailored Research Collaboration (TRC) agreement with the Water Research Foundation for a study on balancing carbon management, energy management, energy production, nutrient removal, and densification. As part of the terms of the TRC, the District's monetary contribution will be \$150,000.00.

This agreement is not suitable for affirmative action participation goals therefore, the Appendix A and the Appendix V should not be included. However, Wastewater Microbial Solutions, a minority and women owned business, will be participating on this project. Their estimated participation amount is \$40,000.00 which is twenty-seven percent (27%) of the District's monetary contribution.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. PJ Spencer, Senior Diversity Officer, at extension 1-5876.

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Attachment

c: Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management
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