

**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO**

**DEPARTMENT:** General Administration  
Diversity Section

**DATE:** May 15, 2026

**TO:** Dr. Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering

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

**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

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**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.

4/21/2026

*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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**VBE COMMITMENT FORM**

1. Name of VBE: Lopez Industries Inc.  
Identify MBE, WBE Status: MBE Address: 9425 S Kenton Ave  
City, State, Zip Code: Oak Lawn, IL 60453  
Contact Person: Miguel Lopez Telephone Number: 773-851-0735  
eMail Address: miguel@lopezindustriesinc.com  
\*Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ \$11,420,000.00 Percent of Participation: 100 %  
Scope of Work: Quad-Axel Trucking

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2. Name of VBE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Identify MBE, WBE Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Name of VBE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Identify MBE, WBE Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Name of VBE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Identify MBE, WBE Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Dollar Amount of Participation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Percent of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* If a MBE or WBE will be utilized to accomplish the VBE Contract Goal, then the VBE commitment amount must be entered as a separate dollar amount. VBE Contract Goals are separate and distinct from the MBE and WBE Contract Goals.

Attach a copy of qualifications for each VBE business.