

Welcome to the July edition of *The Procurement Pipeline*, a monthly newsletter designed to provide updates on doing business with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA).

## Types of GLWA Solicitations Part II – Request for Information (RFI) and Request for Qualification (RFQ)

GLWA routinely issues different types of solicitations in the [Bonfire Procurement Portal](#). A solicitation is a document used by a Buyer to obtain competitive bids or proposals for the purpose of entering a contract with qualified vendor(s). In the [June 2022 Procurement Pipeline](#), we reviewed some of the most common types of GLWA solicitations, including Requests for Bid (RFBs), Requests for Proposal (RFPs), and Invitations to Quote (ITQs). In this month's *Procurement Pipeline*, we provide an overview of two additional types of GLWA solicitations: Requests for Information (RFIs) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs).

### **Request for Information (RFI)**

This type of solicitation is used to obtain general information and feedback from potential vendors regarding goods and/or services. In an RFI, the scope of work is not fully defined, and this solicitation method is often used to help determine a scope of work prior to issuing a competitive solicitation. Information requested may include best practices, industry standards, and technology issues. Generally, price or cost information is not required for an RFI, and this method is not binding to either the vendor or GLWA. RFIs are publicly solicited in GLWA's Bonfire Portal.

### **Request for Qualification (RFQ)**

This type of solicitation is used to obtain qualification information from potential vendors in advance of the issuance of a Request for Bid (RFB) or a Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFQ selects the most qualified Vendor(s) or pre-qualifies potential Vendors for a possible subsequent direct award. Cost information may or may not be requested. RFQs are publicly solicited in GLWA's Bonfire Portal.

## Coronavirus Update #167: GLWA Mask Mandate Lifted at all GLWA Facilities & Project Worksites

On June 21, 2022 GLWA issued [Coronavirus Update #167](#) to the Vendor Community, indicating all the counties where staffed GLWA facilities or project worksites were "GREEN" on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Community Levels](#) list. As stated previously in [Coronavirus Update #159](#), this means that ***the wearing of face masks is optional for GLWA Vendors providing onsite services at GLWA facilities or project worksites regardless of their location until further notice.*** Questions regarding this matter, or GLWA's COVID-19 Visitor Access Requirements, should be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Savage](#).

## Virtual Vendor Introduction Meetings

If you are interested in learning more about doing business with GLWA, contact us at [GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org](mailto:GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org) to schedule a virtual vendor introduction meeting. Topics include information on submitting a competitive bid or proposal to a GLWA solicitation, as well as the requirements for GLWA's Business Inclusion and Diversity (B.I.D.) Program.

## Keeping up with GLWA

Our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Monthly Report provides a wealth of information and news about important initiatives within GLWA's service territory that impact GLWA, its member partners, and the public. To read the June 2022 Monthly Report, please [click here](#).

## What's Coming Down the Pipe?

*Current Solicitations:* Register in GLWA's [Bonfire Procurement Portal](#) for new solicitations and contract award information.

*Upcoming Procurements: Next Three to Nine Months*—See newsletter page 2.

## Visit GLWA online!

To see the GLWA Vendor homepage, please visit [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org) or contact us via email at [procurement@glwater.org](mailto:procurement@glwater.org).

## Upcoming Solicitations July 2022

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget Estimate
<b>Water System (next four to nine months)</b>			
Construction	170802	Reservoir Rehabilitation Construction Services Phase II at Waterworks Park, Northeast, and Booster Stations.	\$35,972,000
Construction	114002C	Springwells WTP Low and High Lift Pumping Station Improvements	\$133,000,000
<b>Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)</b>			
Construction	260802	WRRF Roofing Improvements	\$4,300,000
Construction	232002	Freud Pump Station Improvements	\$75,000,000
Design	270001	Pilot Netting Facility	\$1,500,000
Design-Build	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of Secondary Clarifiers	\$6,000,000
<b>Water System (next three months)</b>			
Construction	114017	Springwells WTP 1958 Flocculator Replacements	\$22,000,000
Materials & Equipment	114002E-G	Springwells WTP Pumping Unit Procurement Package (Contract E thru G)	\$57,000,000
Materials & Equipment	114002H-J	Springwells WTP Process Valve Procurement Package (Contract H thru J)	\$14,000,000
<b>Wastewater (next three months)</b>			
Construction	260903	WRRF Front Entrance Rehabilitation	\$3,300,000
Construction	260206	Rehabilitation of Joy Rd Sewer & Brush/Bates Sewer	\$16,000,000
Design	273001	Hubbell Southfield CSO Facility Improvements	\$8,554,480
Construction	O&M	Plumbing Shop Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000
Design	213006	Improvements to Sludge Feed Pumps @ Dewatering (re-advertisement)	\$1,500,000
<b>Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)</b>			
Professional Services	O&M	SCADA System Professional Services	\$5,500,000
Engineering Services	260210	Rehabilitation of GLWA Sewers; Ashland Relief, Linwood, Lonyo, Second Avenue, and Shiawassee	\$6,900,000
Construction	211006	Pump Station #1 Screenings Building HVAC Improvements	\$1,200,000
Design-Build	212008	Aeration Decks 1 & 2 RFP (invite to RFQ selected teams only)	\$74,000,000
Construction	O&M	Incinerator #11 Rehabilitation	\$3,000,000

Vendors should continue to monitor [Bonfire](#) for solicitation updates.

Acronyms		
<b>WRRF:</b> Water Resource Recovery Facility	<b>CSO:</b> Combined Sewer Overflow	<b>WTP:</b> Water Treatment Plant