

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

New! GLWA to Launch Vendor Performance Assessment (VPA) Program October 2022

GLWA Procurement is excited to announce the launch of the Vendor Performance Assessment (VPA) Program in October 2022. A VPA is a scored survey that will document a vendor's performance in fulfilling the contract requirements for projects awarded over \$1 million or more. Collecting this data will enable GLWA Team Members to provide important feedback to both GLWA and vendors for future contract awards. Please read below for some more key details regarding GLWA's new VPA Program.

- ✓ VPA data will be collected from GLWA Project Managers within 30 days of the contract end-date via an online survey collection tool.
- ✓ Once VPAs are submitted by the Project Manager and validated by GLWA's Vendor Management Team, they will be shared with Vendors as well as GLWA stakeholders.
- ✓ VPA scores will count toward a Vendor's aggregate performance score and will remain valid for a period of three years after the contract's end-date. During this time, VPA scores will be used by GLWA during the contract evaluation process.
- ✓ Vendors with an aggregate VPA score of 70% or less will be classified as "at risk."
- ✓ Vendors will have the opportunity to appeal VPA scores within 30 days of receipt.

Not only will GLWA's VPA Program provide important data for future sourcing decisions, but it will also help GLWA to improve future solicitations as well as provide vendors with collaborative feedback on future projects. Any questions regarding GLWA's new VPA Program should be directed to [Michael Lasley](#) and [Megan Savage](#).

Coronavirus Update #172: GLWA Mask Mandate Lifted at all GLWA Facilities & Project Worksites

On September 30, 2022 GLWA issued [Coronavirus Update #172](#) to the Vendor Community, indicating all the counties where staffed GLWA facilities or project worksites were no longer "RED" 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 facing masks is currently optional for Vendors providing onsite services at GLWA facilities or project worksites regardless of their location until further notice. Any questions regarding this matter 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 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 September 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 or contact us via email at procurement@glwater.org.

Upcoming Solicitations October 2022

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget Estimate
Water System (next four to nine months)			
Construction	170802	Reservoir Rehabilitation Construction Services Phase II at Waterworks Park, Northeast, and Booster Stations	\$35,972,000
Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)			
Construction	211005.2	WRRF Pump Station 2 VFD Replacements	\$7,000,000
Construction	211005.3	WRRF Pump Station 2 Mag Meter Replacements	\$1,000,000
Construction	260905	WRRF Plumbing Shop Rehabilitation	\$2,000,000
Construction	260802	WRRF Roofing Improvements	\$4,300,000
Construction	232002	Freud Pump Station Improvements	\$75,000,000
Design	270001	Pilot Netting Facility	\$6,000,000
Design-Bid-Build	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of Secondary Clarifiers	\$6,000,000
Water System (next three months)			
None			
Wastewater (next three months)			
Construction	260510	Conveyance System Repairs- CSO Outfalls Rehabilitation - Phase 5	\$10,000,000
Construction	260903	WRRF Front Entrance Rehabilitation	\$3,300,000
Construction	O&M	Plumbing Shop Rehabilitation	\$1,500,000
Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)			
Construction	170904	Phase II Wholesale Water Meter Pit Rehabilitation and Replacement Project- 60 new meter sites	\$16,000,000
Professional Services	O&M	Service - All Pumps for CSO Facilities 3 Year Contract With (2) One Year Renewal	\$2,200,000
Professional Services	O&M	Professional Technical Services for Sewer Meter Support	\$8,500,000
Construction	114017	Springwells WTP 1958 Flocculator Replacements	\$22,945,000

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

Acronyms		
WRRF: Water Resource Recovery Facility	CSO: Combined Sewer Overflow	WTP: Water Treatment Plant