

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

## New! Vendor Performance Assessment (VPA) Full Program Launch September 2024

GLWA is excited to announce the full launch of the Vendor Performance Assessment (VPA) Program in September 2024. A VPA is a scored survey that analyzes a vendor's performance throughout the execution of a contract. The outcome of the VPA is proactive communication between GLWA and its vendors in a consistent and collaborative manner.

A soft launch of the VPA Program began in October 2022 that allowed GLWA to begin internally collecting VPA data, training team members on the VPA Program, and refining the VPA process. With the expanded launch of the program in September 2024, GLWA will begin utilizing VPA scoring during the solicitation evaluation process to improve strategic sourcing decisions and to provide vendors with actionable opportunities for performance improvement on current and future GLWA projects. Key details about the VPA Program are included below.

- ✓ VPA data will be collected from GLWA Project Managers near contract conclusion for all contracts awarded over \$1 million as well as Job Order Contracts (JOCs) and Task Order Engineering Services (TOES) contracts awarded over \$300,000.
- ✓ VPA data is gathered from GLWA Team members using an online survey collection tool. One standard survey is used for all eligible contracts.
- ✓ All VPAs are independently validated by GLWA's Vendor Management Team before they are shared with Vendors.
- ✓ VPA scores will affect a Vendor's performance score for a period of one year after the contract

end-date. During this time, VPA data will be used during the solicitation evaluation process to provide important feedback to both GLWA and Vendors for future contract awards.

- ✓ Vendors with an aggregate VPA score above 70% will be deemed "responsible."
- ✓ Vendors with an aggregate score below 70% may submit a Preventative Action Plan (PAP) to maintain eligibility for future GLWA contracts.

Vendors interested to learn more will have an opportunity to attend an in-depth presentation on the VPA Program at GLWA's September 2024 Vendor Outreach Event (details below). In addition, information on the VPA Program, including a [VPA Process Overview](#), is available to review on the [GLWA Vendor Webpage](#). Vendors should also stay tuned to future editions of the *Pipeline* for information on training opportunities. Any questions regarding GLWA's VPA Program may be directed to [GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org](mailto:GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org).

## Reminder: Register Now for GLWA's 2024 Vendor Outreach Event

GLWA's 2024 in-person Vendor Outreach Event will be held at the Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac in Pontiac, Michigan on September 26, 2024. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 p.m. The full [event agenda](#) and [event registration](#) are available via the Whova application. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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 September 2024

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget Estimate
<b>Water System (next four to nine months)</b>			
Construction	111001	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant - LH-401 Switchgear and	\$100,000,000
Construction	122016	Downriver Transmission Main Loop - Phase 1 - Inkster Rd	\$21,000,000
<b>Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)</b>			
Construction	260510	CSO Outfall Rehabilitation Phase VI	\$10,000,000
Construction	260206	Rehabilitation of 7 Mile Sewer System	\$30,000,000
Construction	211005.2	WRRF Pump Station 2 VFD Replacements	\$12,000,000
Design	270007	CSO Facility Disinfection Improvements	\$2,000,000
Construction	270006	CSO Facility Improvements II	\$15,000,000
Construction	260904	Renovation of the New Administration Building 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	\$3,300,000
<b>Water System (next three months)</b>			
Professional Services	O&M	Above/Below Ground Fuel System Maintenance	\$900,000
Design	113010	Southwest WTP Flocculation Improvements	\$4,933,000
Construction (Design Build)	112008	Northeast WTP Filter Replacement	\$85,550,000
<b>Wastewater (next three months)</b>			
Design	270001	Pilot Netting and Disinfection Facilities at B03, B04, and B05	\$8,000,000
Design	270010	Puritan Fenkell and Seven Mile HVAC improvements	\$1,200,000
Construction	232002	Conner Creek Pump Station Improvements	\$36,000,000
<b>Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)</b>			
Construction (Design Build)	122004	96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation - Phase III	\$90,000,000
Construction (Design Build)	112008	Northeast WTP Filter Replacement	\$85,550,000
Professional Services	O&M	WRRF CSO and SPS Generator Preventative Maintenance	\$400,000
Professional Services	O&M	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant Sludge Removal and Disposal	\$3,300,000
Professional Services	O&M	Emergency Standby Generator Preventative Maintenance	\$2,910,225
Construction	170306	Instrumentation and Control System Plant - wide SCADA	\$3,340,000
Professional Services	O&M	Staffing Services	\$750,000
Professional Services	O&M	Investment Services	\$2,200,000
Professional Services	O&M	Janitorial/Housekeeping Services	\$8,830,804
Professional Services	O&M	Floor Covering Supply and Installation Services	\$246,000
Professional Services	O&M	Boiler System Services	\$300,000
Professional Services	O&M	Furniture, Floor Planning and Space Design Services	\$975,000
Professional Services	O&M	Crane Rental and Maintenance	\$900,000
Professional Services	O&M	Southeast Michigan Flood Study	\$1,500,000
Professional Services	O&M	Pest Control and Extermination Services	\$370,000

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

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