



Financial Services Audit Committee Communication

Date: January 30, 2026

To: Great Lakes Water Authority Audit Committee

From: Sonya Collins, CPPB, Chief Procurement Officer

Re: Final Report – 2025 Vendor Outreach Event

Background: Final Report – 2025 Vendor Outreach Event includes the following:

1. Event Overview
2. Evaluation (Survey) Results
3. Direct Vendor feedback and suggestions
4. Stats and Recommendations

On September 25, 2025, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Procurement Team hosted the 2025 Vendor Outreach Event at Macomb Community College. Introductory remarks by William M. Wolfson (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Nicolette Bateson (Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer) David Jones (General Counsel), and Sonya Collins (Procurement Director) were followed by the two-part main presentation on “The Life of a GLWA RFx.”

In part one of the presentation, panelists including Sean Hallock (Buyer), Liza Downer (Buyer), Jeanette Driver (Procurement Manager), Cindy Nelson-Walters (Management Professional), John Hurley (Managing Director, Marsh Insurance) and Christopher Nastally (Director – Wastewater Engineering) were asked questions by Megan Savage (Vendor Outreach Coordinator). These questions created a dialogue that overviewed key aspects of the GLWA procurement process, with a focus on Construction project solicitations.

During the second part of the presentation, panelists including Tina Clinkscales (Management Professional), Angela Stevenson (IT Director), Daniel Edwards (Procurement Manager), Vincent Genco (Manager – Wastewater Engineering), Kim Ungerma (Procurement Manager), Dionna Wilson (Manager – Accounts Payable), and Steven Vesschemoet (Management Professional) were again asked questions by Megan Savage, with special attention given to Products/Services related solicitations. The event concluded with an open question and answer session moderated by Sonya Collins.

Analysis: Based on the feedback and survey results from attendees, as well as team member feedback, the goals of networking with the vendors community and educating our vendors on the GLWA solicitation process was achieved. Event participation and engagement exceeded previous events.

Proposed Action: Receive and file this report.