

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

### **Procurement Tip of the Month: Creating and Maintaining an Active Vendor Profile in Bonfire**

Creating and maintaining an active vendor profile in GLWA's Bonfire Procurement Portal is an important step for vendors who are interested in doing business with GLWA. Read below for a step-by-step overview on how to create your free profile in Bonfire and how this benefits vendors.

#### **How to create a free vendor profile in Bonfire:**

1. Visit [GLWA's Bonfire Procurement Portal](#);
2. Click Log In/Register as New Vendor;
3. Provide the full and unabbreviated name of your organization;
4. Select [commodity codes](#) that reflect the goods and/or services that you provide; and
5. Indicate the diversity certifications (Minority-Owned Business Enterprise, Woman-owned Business Enterprise, Small Business Enterprise and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) that your organization holds.

#### **How an active Bonfire profile benefits vendors:**

- ✓ Enables vendors to submit proposals to provide goods and/or services to GLWA;
- ✓ Ensures that you receive all GLWA vendor communications;
- ✓ Provides customized solicitation alerts directly to your inbox so that you do not miss out on any open GLWA opportunities; and
- ✓ Automatically includes you in GLWA's vendor database where GLWA regularly issues Invitations to Quote (ITQs). ITQs are a type of solicitation used to invite at least three known vendors to an informal process to quote on specified goods and/or services. An active profile in Bonfire is the best way to be notified of ITQs.

If you have any questions about creating or maintaining your Bonfire Vendor Profile, then please contact [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](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 October 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 November 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
<b>Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)</b>			
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-Bid-Build	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of Secondary Clarifiers	\$6,000,000
<b>Water System (next three months)</b>			
None			
<b>Wastewater (next three months)</b>			
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
<b>Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)</b>			
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 Three Year Contract with Two - 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
Professional Services	O&M	Property and Casualty Insurance Brokerage and Ancillary Services	\$1,250,000
Professional Services	O&M	Grounds Maintenance Service	\$4,600,000

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

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