

Welcome to the April 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: How to Properly Secure and Submit Bid Bonds

Vendors submitting a bid or proposal response to an open GLWA opportunity may be required to include a bid bond with their submission. Bid bonds are a type of surety bond that act as a financial guarantee that a vendor bidding on a project will honor their proposal if awarded. This means that bid bonds help to protect GLWA if an awarded vendor elects not to enter into a contract or withdraws their bid. Bid bonds are also important because they help to ensure that participating bidders have the capacity to fulfill the contract requirements.

Information on whether bid bonds are required, as well as details on how to properly submit bid bonds, are provided in the Solicitation Cover document on the project's Euna Procurement page. When securing and submitting bid bonds, vendors should be aware of the following.

- Vendors must contact their surety company early enough to have the required documents ready to submit with their completed bid or proposal response.
- The bid bond must be executed by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Michigan, or that has an A.M. Best's rating of A-/VIII or greater.
- Bid bonds must be submitted using GLWA's bid bond form (FSA_PRO_SUP_0004) which is included with the solicitation documents.
- The bid bond must name the Vendor as the principal.
- The bid bond must be for 5% of the bid price, meaning 5% of the total amount a vendor offers in their bid or proposal.

For non-awarded vendors, GLWA will retain the bid bonds until the end of the solicitation period, or seven business days after contract award.

For the awarded vendor, GLWA will retain the bid bond until the vendor has submitted all required information, delivered evidence of insurance, furnished the required performance and payment bonds (if applicable), and executed the contract. If the contract requirements are not executed as specified, a vendor's bid bond is forfeited to GLWA. Vendors interested to learn more about GLWA's bid bond requirements to support their solicitation planning efforts are encouraged to reach out to GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org. Questions related to securing and submitting bid bonds for a specific GLWA solicitation may be directed to the GLWA Buyer of Record for that project.

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 any GLWA solicitation.

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 March 2026 Monthly Report, please [click here](#).

What's Coming Down the Pipe?

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

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

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To see the GLWA vendor homepage, please visit www.glwater.org or contact us via email at procurement@glwater.org.

Upcoming Solicitations April 2026

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget Estimate
Water System (next four to nine months)			
Construction	111012	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant Flocculation Improvements	\$60,000,000
Construction	111001	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant – LH-401 Switchgear and Low Lift Improvements	\$125,000,000
Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)			
Construction	232002	Conner Creek Sanitary Pump Station	\$167,000,000
Construction	260206	Rehabilitation of 7 Mile Sewer System	\$9,800,000
Design	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of the Secondary Clarifiers Phase 1	\$8,000,000
Construction	261001	WRRF Rehabilitation of the Secondary Clarifiers Phase 1 -	\$30,000,000
Enterprise (next four to nine months)			
Information Technology	O&M	Computer Aided Dispatch	\$400,000
Enterprise (next three months)			
Information Technology	O&M	Contact Management System Request for Information	\$250,000
Information Technology	O&M	Tracking software for Shift Logs and Operational Rounds	\$600,000
Information Technology	O&M	Accounts Payable Automation	\$350,000
Water System (next three months)			
Professional Services	116101	Design/ Inspection of Raw Water Tunnels	\$4,242,000
Construction	132016	North Service Center Pumping Station Improvements	\$108,322,551
Construction	132015	Newburgh Road Booster Pumping Station Improvements	\$66,000,000
Wastewater (next three months)			
Design	270002	Meldrum Sewer Diversion and VR-15 Improvements	\$2,000,000
Construction	260210	Rehabilitation of GLWA Sewers: Ashland Relief, Linwood, Second, and Shiawassee (AL2S)	\$14,100,000
Professional Services	O&M	Staffing Services	\$500,000
Construction	122020	Concord Nevada Flow Control Valves	\$7,000,000
Construction	122021	Grosse Pointe Woods & Harper Woods 24" Transmission Main	\$17,000,000
Design-Build	170803	Reservoir Rehabilitation Phase III	\$51,830,000
Professional Services	O&M 170507	Water Transmission, Valve, Emergency and Other Urgent Repairs	\$22,000,000
Construction	122007	Merriman Road 24-inch Water Transmission Main	\$6,817,000
Construction	132015	Newburgh Road Booster Pumping Station Improvements	\$66,000,000
Construction	122023	Adams Road Transmission Main	\$8,400,000
Professional Services	O&M	Preventative Maintenance and Repair of Electrical Equipment	\$9,684,080
Professional Services	O&M	Communications and Marketing Services	\$979,000
Design	270009	Site Improvements at Baby Creek, Belle Isle and St. Aubin CSO	\$1,500,000

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

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