

Welcome to the March 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 Submit a Successful B.I.D. Program Vendor Diversity Plan

A key part of fulfilling the requirements for GLWA's Business Inclusion and Diversity (B.I.D.) Program includes submitting a successful Vendor Diversity Plan. This written document is scored on a pass/fail basis and becomes part of the executed contract. [B.I.D. Program Requirements](#), which are provided in Bonfire for all B.I.D. qualifying solicitations, helps guide Vendors through the process of creating your Diversity Plan. In addition, Vendors should note that a successful Diversity Plan:

- ✓ Documents the strategies used to encourage participation by small, minority-owned, and disadvantaged certified subcontractors. If not directly subcontracting services, Vendors may also consider encouraging the participation of certified businesses when sourcing any materials or supplies to fulfill the contract.
- ✓ Focuses directly on the specific solicitation to which your company is responding. While you may include information on your company's internal diversity and inclusion efforts, note that this does not fulfill the targeted outreach efforts requested by GLWA.
- ✓ Provides a copy of any diversity certification that your company holds along with any proposed subcontractor's. Certifications may include but are not limited to: Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE), Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), and Small Business Enterprise (SBE). Certification from any federal, state, or governmental unit is accepted.

Resources are available in [B.I.D. Program Requirements](#) for vendors seeking certified subcontractors. GLWA also advises that vendors

attend pre-bid/proposal meetings for additional networking opportunities. Details on these meetings, as well as attendee lists, are published in Bonfire. Questions about the B.I.D. Program may be sent to GLWAVendorOutreach@glwater.org.

Where to Meet GLWA

GLWA welcomes you to visit us at the following upcoming vendor outreach events.

- Diverse Connections. March 20, 2024 from 8:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Novi, MI. Event details and registration available [here](#).
- Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association Reverse Trade Fair. April 26, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Novi, MI. Event details and registration available [here](#).

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 February 2024 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.

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Upcoming Solicitations March 2024

Category	CIP #	Description/Project Title	Budget Estimate
Water System (next four to nine months)			
Construction	111001	Lake Huron Water Treatment Plant – LH-401 Switchgear and Low Lift Improvements	100,000,000
Construction	112008	Northeast WTP Filter Rehabilitation	\$85,550,000
Design	113010	Southwest WTP Flocculation Improvements	\$4,933,000
Construction	122016	Downriver Transmission Main Loop – Phase 1 – Inkster Rd	\$21,000,000
Wastewater Systems (next four to nine months)			
Construction	260510	CSO Outfall Rehabilitation Phase VI	\$10,000,000
Construction	211005.2	WRRF Pump Station 2 VFD Replacements	\$12,000,000
Design	270007	CSO Facility Disinfection Improvements	\$3,900,000
Construction	270006	CSO Facility Improvements II	\$15,000,000
Water System (next three months)			
Construction (Design Build)	122004	96-Inch Water Transmission Main Relocation - Phase III	\$90,000,000
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
Projects moved to Procurement Team (Preparing for solicitation on Bonfire)			
Professional Services	O&M	Emergency Standby Generator Preventative Maintenance	\$2,910,225
Construction	170306	Instrumentation and Control System Plant - wide SCADA Upgrade	\$3,340,000
Professional Services	O&M	Water and Wastewater Services Charges Consultant	\$300,000
Professional Services	O&M	Internal Auditor	\$650,000
Professional Services	O&M	Environmental Health and Safety Assistance	\$2,000,000
Professional Services	O&M	Refuse and Recycling Waste Pickup and Disposal Services	\$655,000
Professional Services	O&M	Fleet Management Services Including Leasing and Upfitting Vehicles	\$14,667,500
Supplies	O&M	Sodium Bisulfite	\$2,315,000
Professional Services	O&M	Water and Wastewater Pumping Stations LED Lighting Upgrades	\$7,500,000

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

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