



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

February 27, 2019

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Russell J. Stoll, Executive Engineer

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Subject: Request for Proposals
Waterline Replacement Projects 2019-2020
(Contracts A, B, C, D, E, and F)
ECWA Project No. 201900001

The Erie County Water Authority (Authority) recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to ten (10) consulting engineering firms for engineering services for design and construction phase services for water line replacement projects in various locations within the ECWA direct service area. These projects are separated into six different contracts (contracts A, B, C, D, E and F). Three (3) of the ten (10) firms declined to propose, including Arcadis, GHD and Wendel. Those submitting proposals are listed in alphabetical order below:

- Arcadis (declined to submit proposal)
- CHA Consulting, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E, F,)
- Clark Patterson Lee (submitted for A, B, C, D, F)
- DiDonato Associates Engineering and Architecture, P.E., P.C. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E, F)
- Erdman Anthony & Associates, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E, F)
- GHD (declined to submit proposal)
- GPI (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.) (submitted for A, B, C, D, E, F)
- Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E, F)
- Wm. Schutt & Associates (submitted for A, B, C, D, E, F)
- Wendel Companies (declined to submit proposal)

The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff (Russ Stoll, Len Kowalski, and Steve Denzler). Experience, staffing, scope, and project approach were considered. It was determined that each firm possessed relevant qualifications to perform the work proposed. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals and considering the level of effort proposed by these firms, the firms were grouped into three groups; Group 1, Group 2, and Group 3. Group 1 contains the firms that are considered the most qualified.

The projects listed below were assigned to Group 1 and 2 firms and considering their specific firm's qualifications and experience.

Consultant	Contract	Description
CHA Consulting, Inc	B	6,700 linear feet of new distribution waterline on Cayuga Creek Road from opposite 177 Cayuga Creek Road to the William Street/Cayuga Creek Road intersection in the Town of Cheektowaga.
Clark Patterson Lee	A	5,700 linear feet of new distribution waterline on multiple streets in the Village of Sloan
GPI	C	8,600 linear feet of new distribution waterline on multiple streets with leak histories in the Towns of Hamburg and West Seneca and the City of Lackawanna
Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc.	E	6,500 linear feet of new distribution waterline to replace undersized waterlines on various streets in the Towns of Amherst and Cheektowaga
Wm. Schutt & Associates	F	4,000 linear feet of new distribution and transmission waterline installation (and approximately 1,600 linear feet of pipe abandonments) on multiple streets in the Cities of Tonawanda and Lackawanna, Village of Blasdell, and Towns of Cheektowaga, West Seneca, and Hamburg

Each firm provided a thorough and detailed technical project understanding and approach for the various project contracts identified as A, B, C, D, E and F. In addition their proposed project level of effort is competitive and reasonable for the work being proposed. They have a depth of knowledge and experience with Authority standards, design procedures, construction standards and procedures, and technical specifications. In addition, they have experienced staff to provide the construction phase services and construction oversight required by the Authority. Our staff review also considered overall performance of professional services for these firms with recent experience with Authority projects.

Contract D is on hold from this series of proposed projects for 2019-2020 due to the Authority priorities and available budget. This may be taken off hold once budgeted funds are identified.

I am requesting the Board's approval to negotiate with the above five firms to develop contracts for the referenced projects.

RJS:jmf

cc: ECWA-928-1901