



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

September 1, 2026

To: Jennifer Hibit, Secretary to the Authority

From: Daniel J. Seider, PE, Director of Production *DJS*

Subject: PFAS Planning Study
ECWA Project No. 202600008

The Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) recently issued a Request for Proposals for consulting engineering services to prepare a PFAS planning study to address current and potential future drinking water treatment regulations related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) compounds found in source water and treatment plant residuals.

A Request for Proposals was prepared and sent to five consulting engineers: Arcadis of New York, Inc., Brown and Caldwell, CDM Smith, Hazen and Sawyer, DPC, and Henningson, Durham & Richardson Architecture and Engineering, PC, (HDR). The proposal was also posted on the ECWA website.

Four proposals were submitted from the following firms: Arcadis of New York, Inc., Brown and Caldwell, CDM Smith, and Hazen and Sawyer, DPC. HDR chose not to submit a proposal. Additionally, the RFP being posted on the Authority's website resulted in submissions from two more firms: GEI Consultants, Inc. and EKI Environment & Water, Inc.

The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the Engineering, Production, and Water Quality Department staff. Experience, staffing, scope, cost, and project approach were considered. It was determined that Arcadis of New York possessed relevant qualifications to perform the proposed work.

The Engineering Department will move forward with negotiations with Arcadis of New York, Inc., to develop a Professional Services Contract for the referenced project.

Budget Information:

Unit:	1010 - Sturgeon Point Plant
Item:	38 – Studies
Budget Allocation:	50%
Unit:	1015 – Van de Water Plant
Item:	38 – Studies
Budget Allocation:	50%

This project will take approximately 10 months to complete. The 2026 budget includes adequate funding for work anticipated to be completed in 2026. Funding for the remainder of the project has been requested in the 2027 budget.

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