



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

August 13, 2019

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority
From: Russell J. Stoll, Executive Engineer *RJ Stoll*
Subject: Request for Proposals
Van de Water Water Treatment Plant
Residuals Treatment System Upgrades
ECWA Project No. 201900093

The Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to four consulting engineering firms for professional engineering services for the above referenced project.

The Request for Proposals was issued to the following professional engineering firms:

Arcadis
GHD
O'Brien & Gere Engineers
Wendel Companies

This is a single project requiring one consulting engineering firm. All four firms chose to submit a proposal for the above referenced project. The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff (Russ Stoll, Len Kowalski, Clayton Johnson, and Michael Wymer). Experience, staffing, scope, and project approach were considered. It was determined that each firm possessed relevant qualifications to perform the work proposed.

Review of the four proposals indicated that each firm provided a technical understanding and approach for the proposed project. In addition, they demonstrated knowledge and experience with similar types of projects.

Our staff review also considered the overall professional services performance of these firms on recent ECWA projects of related scope.

GHD provided an experienced and qualified project team to perform the work related to the residuals treatment system upgrades. They have extensive experience with water treatment plants and solids treatment and disposal projects across New York State. Their approach was thorough and detailed, and they showed an understanding of the necessary project process and work flow. GHD has understanding of ECWA's system and has successfully performed work in the past. Their fee is within a 5-10 percent of the group of the lowest fee proposals and therefore competitive and reasonable.

I am requesting the Board's approval to negotiate with GHD to develop a Professional Services Contract for the referenced project.

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