



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 23, 2021

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael Quinn, Senior Distribution Engineer 

Subject: Distribution Main Design Project 2021-2022
Town of Cheektowaga, Hamburg, and West Seneca
Request for Proposals
Project No. 202100075

The Erie County Water Authority (Authority) recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services for design and construction phase services to replace several distribution mains in the Towns of Hamburg, Cheektowaga, and West Seneca. The work will be performed under one contract.

The RFP was issued to five (5) consulting engineering firms: Clark Patterson Lee (CPL), Donald Gallo Engineering, Dubois & King, Inc., Hunt – EAS, and Watts Architecture and Engineering. In addition, the RFP was posted to the ECWA website.

All five engineering firms responded to the request. Three additional firms responded to the posting on the website: Barton & Loguidice, Michael Baker International, and JM Davidson, for the total of eight responses.

The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff. Experience, staffing, scope, and project approach were considered. It was determined that while each firm possessed relevant qualifications to perform the work proposed, based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, it was the committee's opinion that JM Davidson was the best firm for this project due to a combination of experience and qualifications. In addition, the firm's fee is in line with the other firms and appears reasonable when compared to the design fees for other 2021 distribution system design projects.

The Comprehensive Strategic Plan (CSP) was also taken into consideration during the selection process. The CSP establishes a 15 mile per year replacement goal for transmission and distribution mains. To keep pace with this goal and/or increase the goal, the Authority will have to establish relationships with additional consulting firms to ensure we can consistently design and construct projects in a timely manner. It should also be noted that JM Davidson is a certified Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and is locally owned.

The Engineering will move forward with negotiations with JM Davidson for the design and construction phase services for this project.