

## Staff Operations Item 2




# ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 7, 2025

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael J. Quinn, PE, Director of Distribution 

Subject: Construction Inspection for Service Line Investigation and  
Lead Service Replacement Program (2025 and 2026)  
ECWA Project No. 202500006

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The Erie County Water Authority (Authority) recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction phase services (general services, resident inspection, and record drawings) for the Authority's Construction Inspection for Service Line Investigation and Lead Service Replacement Program (2025 and 2026). The work will be performed under three separate contracts.

The RFP was issued to eleven (11) consulting engineering firms. Two firms did not respond (J.M. Davidson Engineering and LaBella PC) and two firms declined to respond (DiDonato Associates and Wendel Companies). Seven firms submitted proposals (in alphabetical order):

- Arcadis
- Barton & Loguidice
- CHA
- Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI)
- Hazen and Sawyer
- Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. (Nussbaumer)
- William Schutt & Associates (Wm. Schutt)

In addition, the RFP was posted to the ECWA website. There were no additional responses from the website.

The proposals were reviewed and discussed by a committee of Engineering Department staff. It was determined that while each firm possessed relevant qualifications to perform the work proposed, the committee focused on the applicable experience of the proposed resident inspector(s) as well as the number of qualified staff. For these projects, multiple qualified staff may be required to account for the likelihood that the contractors may employ multiple crews. In summary, based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, it was the committee's opinion that Nussbaumer, GPI, and Wm. Schutt presented the most qualified team personnel, combined with the largest team to allow for staffing flexibility. In addition, the firms' fees are in line with the other firms and appear reasonable when compared to construction phase service fees for other recent projects.

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The Engineering Department will move forward with negotiations with the following firms:

- Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. for the construction phase services for Water Service Investigations and Lead Service Replacements, Contract A, City of Tonawanda.
- Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) for the construction phase services for Water Service Investigations and Lead Service Replacements, Contract B, Village of Depew.
- William Schutt & Associates for Water Service Investigation, Contract 01.

Funds are available for the project in the 2025 Capital Budget as follows:

- Unit: 2590 Eng/Const Distribution Mains
- Item 101804 – Lead Service Line Replacement

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