



# ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 22, 2020

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer *LFK*

Subject: Request for Proposals  
Transmission Main Design Projects 2020-2021  
(Contracts A, B, and C)  
ECWA Project No. 202000012

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The Erie County Water Authority (Authority) recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to eight (8) consulting engineering firms for engineering services for design and construction phase services for various transmission main projects in various locations within the ECWA direct service area. These projects were originally separated into three different contracts: A, B, and C. Due to a large scope of contract B, it was subdivided into two separate contracts: B1 and B2. Out of the original eight consulting firms, GHD and GPI did not send a proposal, however EI Team submitted a proposal based on the information on the Authority's website. Those submitting proposals are listed in alphabetical order below:

- Arcadis (submitted for A, B1 & B2)
- CHA Consulting, Inc. (submitted for A, B1, B2 & C)
- EI Team (submitted for A, B1, B2 & C)
- Erdman Anthony & Associates, Inc. (submitted for A, B1, B2 & C)
- Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. (submitted for A & C)
- Wendel (submitted for A, B1 & B2)
- Wm. Schutt & Associates (submitted for A, B1, B2 & C)

The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff. Experience, staffing, scope, and project approach were considered. It was determined that each firm possessed relevant qualifications to perform the work proposed. However, not all the firms had the depth of experience with Authority standards, design procedures, construction standards and procedures, and technical specifications.

Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals and considering the level of effort proposed by these firms, it was determined that the top qualified and experienced firms are:

Consultant	Contract	Description
Arcadis	A	48-inch Transmission Main, Town of Tonawanda.
Wm Schutt & Associates	B1	New Transmission Main, Town of Evans.
CHA Consulting, Inc.	B2	New Transmission Main, Town of Amherst.
Nussbaumer & Clarke	C	Transmission Mains, City of Lackawanna and Town of West Seneca.

Each firm provided a thorough and detailed technical project understanding and approach for the various project contracts identified as A, B1, B2, and C. 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.

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

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