



# ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 22, 2021

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael W. Wymer, PE, Senior Production Engineer

Subject: Request for Proposals  
Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation  
ECWA Project No. 202100021

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The Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) recently issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting engineering services for the refurbishing of six water storage tanks within the Authority's system.

The project consists of engineering services for the design and refurbishment of two tanks owned by ECWA (Colvin and Eden 4), three tanks owned by the Town of Boston (Crestwood, Rice Hill, and Wohlhueter) and one tank owned by the Town of Orchard Park (Cole). Signed cooperative agreements for the construction costs have been received from the Town of Boston and Town of Orchard Park.

The refurbishing includes recoating of the tank interiors and/or exteriors, miscellaneous modifications to tank appurtenances and valve vaults, correction of ANSI/OSHA safety-related deficiencies, and correction of sanitary and operational deficiencies. It is anticipated that three separate construction contracts will be prepared. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2022 and continue through the spring of 2023.

RFPs were issued to five consulting engineers: Encorus Group, Greenman-Pederson, Inc., JM Davidson Engineering, Nussbaumer & Clark, and Wendel. One other firm, Labella Associates, obtained the RFP through the posting on our website. Two firms chose to submit proposals for this project: Nussbaumer & Clark (with Greenman-Pederson as a subconsultant) and Wendel (with JM Davidson as a subconsultant). This is a single project requiring one consulting firm.

The proposals were reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff. Experience, staffing, scope, and project approach were considered. It was determined that both firms possessed relevant qualifications to perform the proposed work.

Wendel provided a highly qualified project team and demonstrated direct, relevant experience with similar work including previous inspection work on multiple tanks included in this project. Their fee is competitive and reasonable and within the established budget. The Engineering Department will move forward with negotiations with Wendel to develop a Professional Services Contract for the referenced project.

### **Budget Information:**

- Department 250 Engineering/Construction
- Unit 2502 Construction
- Operation and Maintenance Item No. 74 Payments to Contractors -Tanks

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