



ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

March 13, 2023

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Clayton J. Johnson, PE, Production Engineer *CJJ*

Subject: Request for Proposals
Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation
ECWA Project No. (RFP) 202200088

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

The project consists of engineering services for the design and refurbishment of seven tanks owned by ECWA and one tank owned by Erie County (Sandridge). A cooperative agreement between Erie County and ECWA, for the construction costs to be shared between entities, is currently being prepared.

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 four separate construction contracts will be prepared. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2024 and continue through the fall of 2025 in a phased approach.

RFPs were issued to five consulting engineers: Encorus Group, Greenman-Pederson, Inc., JM Davidson Engineering, Nussbaumer & Clark, and Wendel. One other firm, Hunt Associates, obtained the RFP through the posting on our website. Wendel (with JM Davidson as a subconsultant) was the only firm to submit a proposal for this project. Nussbaumer & Clark and Greenman-Pederson did not submit proposals due to current/anticipated workload and staffing challenges. This is a single project requiring one consulting firm.

The proposal was reviewed and discussed among the engineering staff. Experience, staffing, scope, and project approach were considered. It was determined that Wendel possesses the relevant qualifications to perform the proposed work. Wendel (with JM Davidson as a subconsultant) has the current water storage tank rehabilitation contract (PN 202100193) for ECWA, which will be complete in 2023.

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, based on previous tank rehabilitation work, 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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