



# ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 31, 2022

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael J. Quinn, Senior Distribution Engineer

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Subject: Request for Proposals  
Distribution Main Design Projects 2022-2023  
(Contracts A, B, C, D, and E)  
ECWA Project No. 202200003

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The Erie County Water Authority (Authority) recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to eleven consulting engineering firms for engineering services for design and construction phase services for several distribution main projects in various locations within the ECWA direct service area. The RFP was also posted to the Authority website. These projects are separated into five different contracts (Contracts A, B, C, D, and E). Of the original firms, ten chose to submit proposals (DuBois & King, Inc. was the only one that did not respond). In addition, four other firms (Clark Patterson Lee, EI Team, Watts Architecture and Engineering, and Michael Baker International) submitted proposals based on Authority's website. Those submitting proposals are listed in alphabetical order below:

- Barton & Logiudice (submitted for A, B, C, D, E,)
- CHA Consulting, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Clark Patterson Lee (submitted for B, C, D, E)
- DiDonato Assoc. Eng. and Architecture, PE, PC (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- EI Team (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Erdman Anthony & Associates, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- JM Davidson (submitted for C, D)
- LaBella Associates (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Michael Baker International (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Watts Architecture & Engineering (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Wendel (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)
- Wm. Schutt & Associates (submitted for A, B, C, D, E)

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.

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. As shown on the table below, these contracts encompass just under 12.5 miles of that goal. In order to achieve this goal, the Authority will have to continue to utilize a variety of consultants to ensure we can consistently design and construct projects in a timely manner.

Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, projects were assigned based on the qualifications, experience and level of effort proposed by each firm:

<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2022 Budget Item</b>
Barton & Longuidice, DPC	A	15,550 linear feet of new distribution waterline on multiple streets in the Town of Amherst and Cheektowaga	Unit 2590 Item 101670
DiDonato Associates, Engineering and Architecture, PC	B	10,650 linear feet of new distribution waterline on multiple streets in the Town of Clarence.	Unit 2590 Item 101671
Wm. Schutt & Associates	C	11,000 linear feet of new distribution waterline on one street in the Town of Clarence.	Unit 2590 Item 101672
LaBella Associates	D	13,450 linear feet of new distribution waterline on multiple streets in the City of Tonawanda.	Unit 2590 Item 101673
Watts Architecture & Engineering	E	15,220 linear feet of new distribution waterline on multiple streets in the Town of Hamburg.	Unit 2590 Item 101674

Each firm provided a thorough and detailed project understanding and technical approach for the various projects. In addition, their projected level of effort (manhours, and fees) is competitive and reasonable for the work being proposed. All of the selected firms have a depth of knowledge and experience with Authority standards, design procedures, construction standards and procedures, and technical specifications. Furthermore, 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 respect to experience with Authority projects.

In order to expedite these projects, the Engineering Department will be requesting approval of the individual Professional Services Agreements with each firm listed above also at the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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