



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

E-16 Wurzbach Parkway Sewer Capacity Storage at U.S. Highway 281

Solicitation No.: PS-00046

Addendum 1 | October 6, 2017

CHANGES TO THE RFQ

On Page 15, Section V. **Other Required Document to Submit**, remove section A. Exhibit "A" – Good Faith Effort Plan (GFEP) in its entirety and replace with the following:

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Policies on Equal Employment Opportunity and SMWVBs

1. Equal Employment Opportunity Requirements - SAWS highly encourages Respondents to implement Affirmative Action practices in their employment programs. This means Respondents should not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, national origin, political belief or affiliation, age, disability or genetic information.

The SAWS Board of Trustees has adopted the Small, Minority, Woman, and Veteran-owned Business (SMWVB) Policy to establish and oversee a program that will support the inclusion of local small, minority, woman, and veteran-owned businesses (SMWVB). It is the policy of SAWS that it will ensure that local small, minority, woman, and veteran-owned businesses have an equal opportunity to compete for and participate in SAWS contracts. It is our policy to:

- Ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of SAWS contracts;
- Create a level playing field on which SMWBs can compete fairly for SAWS contracts;
- Ensure that only firms that attempt to meet small, minority, woman-owned business good faith efforts are considered for contract awards.

Respondent's commitment to SAWS SMWB policy will be based on meeting or exceeding the minimum SMWB goal of 40%. The minimum goal is based on the total contract value. Points will be awarded based on the tiered scales below.

Please note that as of 1/1/2017, an updated SMWVB Policy and scoring methodology are being implemented by San Antonio Water System. Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (VBEs), are tracked for statistical purposes, but are not eligible for points. **The maximum number of Small, Minority, and Woman-owned Business (SMWB) points to be earned is 15 points.** Self-performance and Sub-consulting may be used to achieve the aspirational goals and earn points. **SMWB Respondents and/or Sub-consultants must be certified by the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency. Eligible firms (including MBEs and WBEs) must also be certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE), must perform a commercially-useful function on the project, and must have a local presence in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area in order to be counted for SMWB points.** Please see the Good Faith Effort Plan for definitions of terms. All Respondents, whether SMWB or not, may earn the maximum number of SMWB points (15) by adhering to any combination of the point structures below when attempting to meet the aspirational goals:

- a. **M/WBE Scoring Method: Up to 15 Points (By percentage) 40.00% M/WBE Goal**
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage between 1% and 7.99%: 2 Points
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage between 8% and 14.99%: 4 Points
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage between 15% and 21.99%: 6 Points
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage between 22% and 28.99%: 8 Points
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage between 29% and 34.99%: 10 Points
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage between 35% and 39.99%: 12 Points
 - M/WBE Participation Percentage meeting or exceeding 40.00%: 15 Points
 - b. **SBE (Non-M/WBE) Scoring Method: Up to 5 Points (By percentage) 5.00% SBE Goal**
 - SBE Participation Percentage between 1% and 1.99%: 1 Point
 - SBE Participation Percentage between 2% and 2.99%: 2 Points
 - SBE Participation Percentage between 3% and 3.99%: 3 Points
 - SBE Participation Percentage between 4% and 4.99%: 4 Points
 - SBE Participation Percentage meeting or exceeding 5.00%: 5 Points
 - c. **Optional:** Prior Sub-consultant utilization compliance averages for the past 2 years may be considered when totaling the SMWB score, based upon data from the Subcontractor Payment & Utilization Reporting (SPUR) System. This applies to SMWB and Non-SMWB Prime Consultants' utilization of their SMWB sub-consultants. Up to 3 points may be deducted from the SMWB score for discrepancies between the pledged SMWB goal, and the current/ongoing actual utilization of SMWB sub-consultants on recent SAWS projects. This option does not apply to work order/unspecified contracts.
 - Total SMWB Sub-consultant compliance discrepancy between 3.00% - 4.00%: Deduct 1 Point
 - Total SMWB Sub-consultant compliance discrepancy between 4.00% - 5.00%: Deduct 2 Points
 - Total SMWB Sub-consultant compliance discrepancy greater than 5.00%: Deduct 3 Points
2. All firms submitted as SMWVB must provide a copy of their certification certificate.
 3. The SMWB goal is expressed as a percentage of the total dollar amount of the contract going to SMWBs for those areas which the Respondent has subcontracted or anticipates to subcontract, including any future contract amendments. The goal shall also apply to contract amendments that require work beyond the scope of services originally required to accomplish the project.
 4. The Respondent agrees to employ good faith efforts to carry out this policy through award of sub-consultant contracts to SMWBs to the fullest extent possible.
 5. The SAWS GFEP will be used for scoring purposes based upon SMWB participation. However, all subcontractors and/or suppliers, whether SMWVB-certified or not, must be listed in the GFEP for the information provided in the GFEP will be utilized in the development of the final contract/agreement.

The GFEP format is attached as Exhibit "B." This form is required and considered part of the response to the RFQ. Should the Good Faith Effort Plan not be submitted, the proposal may be considered non-responsive.

6. The successful respondent will be required to report actual payments to all subcontractors by using the Subcontractor Payment and Utilization Reporting (S.P.U.R.) System, beginning with the first SAWS payment for services under the contract, and with every payment thereafter (for the duration of the contract). This information will be used for subcontractor utilization tracking purposes. Any unjustified failure to comply with the committed SWMB levels may be considered breach of contract.

Web Submittal of Subcontractor Payment Reports

The Contractor is required to electronically submit subcontractor payment information using the Subcontractor Payment and Utilization Reporting (S.P.U.R.) System, accessed through a link on SAWS' "Business Center" web page. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be provided a unique log-in credential and password to access the SAWS subcontractor payment reporting system. The link may be accessed through the following internet address: <https://saws.smwbe.com/>

Training on the use of the system will be provided by SAWS. After the prime receives payment from SAWS, electronic submittals will require data entry of the amount paid to each subcontractor listed on the Contractor's Good Faith Effort Plan.

7. Please contact the SMWVB Program Manager, Marisol V. Robles, at 210-233-3420 or marisol.robles@saws.org for any questions pertaining to the Good Faith Effort Plan or the SMWVB Program.

Exhibit A - Remove Pages 46-49, Good Faith Effort Plan in its entirety and replace with the revised version attached. This version should be used by Respondents when submitting a response for this project.

END ADDENDUM 1

This Addendum, including these three (3) pages, is seven (7) pages with attachments in its entirety.

Attachments: Exhibit A - Good Faith Effort Plan (4 pages)



EXHIBIT A

Good Faith Effort Plan for Professional Services SUB-CONSULTING for:

NOTE: Effective 1/1/17, SMWB points shall only be assessed for consultants and/or sub-consultants who are local and certified as SBEs (including MBEs and WBEs).

NAME OF PROJECT: E-16 Wurzbach Parkway Sewer Capacity Storage at U.S. Highway 281

SECTION A - PRIME CONSULTANT INFORMATION

Legal Name of Firm, including "doing business as" if applicable: _____

Address of Office to Perform Project Work: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____ Is your firm Certified as an SMWVB? Yes: _____ No: _____

If "Yes", Certification Agency that granted SMWVB designation: _____

Type/s of Certification: SBE: _____ MBE: _____ VBE: _____ WBE: _____

Prime Consultant's Percentage of Participation: (Ex: 100% is the total value of the contract) _____%

1. List ALL SUB-CONSULTANTS/SUPPLIERS that will be utilized on this project/contract. (SMWB AND Non-SMWB)

	Legal Name of Sub-consultant/Supplier (including "doing business as", if applicable).	Address of Office Location to Perform Project Work or Provide Supplies:	Scope of Work/Supplies to be Performed/Provided by Firm:	Estimated Percentage of Participation on this Project:	Certification Type & Certification Agency:
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SECTION B. – SMWB COMMITMENTS

The SMWB goal on this project is 40%

1. The undersigned proposer has satisfied the requirements of the BID specification in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

The proposer is committed to a minimum of 40 % SMWB utilization on this contract.

The proposer, (if unable to meet the SMWB goal of 40%), is committed to a minimum of % SMWB utilization on this contract.
 _____(If contractor is unable to meet the goal, please fill out Section C and submit documentation demonstrating good faith efforts).

2. Name and phone number of person appointed to coordinate and administer the SMWB requirements on this project.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

IF THE SMWB GOAL WAS MET, PROCEED TO AFFIRMATION AND SIGN THE GFEP. IF GOAL WAS NOT MET, PROCEED TO SECTION C.

SECTION C – GOOD FAITH EFFORTS (Fill out only if the SMWB goal was not achieved).

1. On a separate sheet of paper, list and attach to this Good Faith Effort Plan written, posted, or published notification to all firms you contacted with sub-consulting/supply opportunities for this project that will not be utilized for the contract by choice of the proposer, sub-consultant, or supplier. Notices to firms contacted by the proposer for specific scopes of work identified for sub-consulting/supply opportunities must be provided to sub-consultant/supplier **not less than five (5) business days prior to proposal due date**. This information is required for all firms that were contacted of sub-consulting/supply opportunities.

Copies of said notices must be provided to the SMWB Program Manager at the time the response is due. Such notices shall include information on the plans, specifications, and scope of work.

2. Did you attend the pre-submittal conference scheduled for this project? Yes No

3. List all SMWB listings or directories, contractor associations, and/or any other associations utilized to solicit SMWB sub-consultants/suppliers:

4. Discuss efforts made to identify elements of the work to be performed by SMWBs in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the goal:

5. Indicate advertisement mediums used for soliciting SMWBs. (Please attach a copy of the advertisement(s):

AFFIRMATION

I hereby affirm that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand and agree that, this document shall be attached thereto and become a binding part of the contract.

Name and Title of Authorized Official:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE:

This Good Faith Effort Plan is reviewed by SAWS Contracting Department. For questions and/or clarifications, please contact Marisol V. Robles, SMWVB Program Manager, at 210-233-3420.

DEFINITIONS

Note: To be eligible for participation in the SAWS Small, Minority, Woman, and Veteran-owned Business Program, a firm must be local, and must be certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE). This includes firms certified as Minority and/or Woman-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs and WBEs). SAWS tracks Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (VBEs) for statistical purposes, but does not award points for VBE participation.

Local: A business located in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA) , which includes the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, Uvalde and Wilson. A business's presence in the SAMSA that consists solely of a P.O. box, a mail drop, or a telephone message center does not count as being local.

Prime Consultant/Contractor: Any person, firm partnership, corporation, association or joint venture which has been awarded a San Antonio Water System contract.

Sub-consultants/contractor: Any named person, firm partnership, corporation, association or joint venture identified as providing work, labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing under contract with a prime consultant/contractor on a San Antonio

Small, Minority, and Woman-owned Business (SMWB): All business structures Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office, or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency that are 51% owned, operated, and controlled by a Small Business Enterprise, a Minority Business Enterprise, or a Woman-owned Business Enterprise.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated and controlled by someone who is legally residing in or a citizen of the United States, and the business structure meets the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standard for a small business within the appropriate industry category.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated, and controlled by an ethnic minority group member(s) who is legally residing in or a citizen of the United States. For purposes of the SMWB program, the following are recognized as minority groups:

- a. **African American** – Persons having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- b. **Hispanic American** – Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Spanish or Central or South American origin.
- c. **Asian-Pacific American** – Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.
- d. **Asian-Indian American** – Persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh or Sri Lanka.
- e. **American Indian/Native American** – Persons having no less than 1/16 percentage origin in any of the American Indian Tribes, as recognized by the U.S.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women who are legally residing in or citizens of the United States.

African American Business Enterprise (AABE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated and controlled by African American minority group member(s) who are legally residing in or are citizens of the United States.

Joint Venture: A limited association of two or more persons to carry out a single business enterprise for profit, for which purpose they combine their property, money, efforts, skills and knowledge.

Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE): A business structure that is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Please note: This certification type should not be confused with the Service Disabled Veteran designation available through the Small Business Administration.

Web Submittal of Sub-consultant/Supplier Payment Reports:

The Contractor will be required to electronically report the actual payments to all sub-consultants and suppliers utilizing the Subcontractor Payment and Utilization Reporting (S.P.U.R.) System, beginning with the first SAWS payment for services under the contract, and with every payment thereafter (for the duration of the contract). Electronic submittal of monthly subcontractor payment information will be accessed through a link on SAWS' "Business Center" web page. This information will be utilized for subcontractor participation tracking purposes. Any unjustified failure to comply with the committed SMWB levels may be considered breach of contract.

The Contractor and all subcontractors will be provided a unique log-in credential and password to access the SAWS subcontractor payment reporting system. The link may also be accessed through the following internet address: <https://saws.smwbe.com/>