



Memorandum

TO: San Antonio-area Small, Minority, and Woman-owned Businesses (SMWBs)

FROM: Marisol V. Robles, SAWS Small, Minority, and Woman-owned Business Program Manager

SUBJECT: Telephone Surveys conducted by Oppenheim Research for the SAWS Minority and Woman-owned Business Program Disparity Study

Date: July 25, 2014

NOTIFICATION OF TELEPHONE SURVEYS :

San Antonio Water System (SAWS) is currently conducting a Minority and Woman-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Program Disparity Study to determine SAWS' utilization of M/WBEs in its contracting practices. This study is part of an ongoing effort by the Board of Trustees and SAWS staff to ensure proper minority representation in contracts of all types that are awarded by SAWS. The Disparity Study will identify any gaps between M/WBE business availability in the San Antonio area, and the percentages of M/WBE firms actually utilized by SAWS. MGT of America, Inc. is managing the Disparity Study for SAWS.

Oppenheim Research, a subcontractor to MGT of America, Inc. is conducting telephone interviews with firms who have registered as vendors in the SAWS Vendor Registration and Notification (VRN) system to determine if SAWS' vendors have experienced any obstacles in their efforts to compete for contracts.

If you are contacted by Oppenheim Research, please take a few minutes to participate in the survey. Your input is important to the community, as SAWS seeks to improve its efforts in reinvesting rate-payer dollars into Minority and Woman-owned Business Enterprises through contracting opportunities.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any questions or concerns related to the telephone surveys or the SAWS Minority and Woman-owned Business Enterprise Program Disparity Study, please contact Marisol V. Robles, SMWB Program Manager:

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