

Impacted Project Section: Solicitation for Participation and Commitment

Opportunity: DRWC Piers 53 (Washington Ave. Green) & 68 Repairs

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ADDENDUM No. 1

Disadvantage Business Enterprise Requirements

DRWC encourages the response and inclusion of Minority Business Enterprises ("MBE"), Woman Business Enterprises ("WBE"), and Disabled Business Enterprises ("DSBE") (collectively, "M/W/DSBE") in its contracts. The goal of DRWC is to ensure that all businesses desiring to do business with DRWC have an equal and fair opportunity to compete by creating access to DRWC's contract opportunities by M/W/DSBEs and meaningfully increasing opportunities for the participation by M/W/DSBEs in DRWC's contracts at all tiers of contracting.

DRWC has a goal of 40% participation from M/W/DSBE firms across its operational and capital spending.

1. To count toward inclusion goals, all M/W/DSBEs must be certified by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) (formerly the Philadelphia Minority Business Enterprise Council (MBEC)) or the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (UCP), or current certifications already issued by other states, cities, agencies, etc. Only work performed by certified firms will count toward a contractor's final achievement of its inclusion goals. Certifications that expire during a firm's participation on a particular phase of the project may be counted toward overall goals for participation ranges. However, said firm **MUST** become re-certified prior to consideration for goal credit for any future contracts affiliated with this plan. If a firm has been de-certified, said firm would not be eligible to participate.

2. In order to maximize opportunities for as many businesses as possible, a firm that is certified in two or more categories (e.g. MBE and WBE and DSBE or WBE and DSBE) will only be credited toward one participation range as either an MBE or WBE or DSBE. The firm will not be credited toward more than one category. Bidders will note with their submission which category, MBE or WBE or DSBE, is submitted for credit.
3. An MBE/WBE/DSBE submitting as the prime bidder is required, like all other bidders, to submit a bid that is responsive to the Policy and will only receive credit toward the relevant participation ranges (e.g., MBE range or WBE range or DSBE range) for the amount of its own work or supply effort on this Invitation and Bid. In addition, the participation of an M/W/DSBE partner, as part of a joint venture created for this bid, may be credited towards the participation ranges only to the extent of the M/W/DSBE partner's ownership interest in the joint venture in accordance with the following criteria:
 - The MBE, WBE or DSBE partner(s) must be certified prior to bid opening;
 - The M/W/DSBE partner(s) must derive substantial benefit from the arrangement;
 - The M/W/DSBE partner(s) must be substantially involved in all phases of the contract including bidding, planning, staffing, and daily management;
 - The business arrangement must be customary (i.e., each partner shares in the risk and profits of the joint venture commensurate with their ownership interest, contributes working capital and other resources, etc).
4. For the purpose of applying the participation ranges on DRWC projects that include add or deduct alternates, commitments listed by bidders on the Solicitation for Participation and Commitment Form should be based upon the base bid. In the event DRWC elects to award any add or deduct alternates, the DRWC reserves the right to require the apparent lowest responsible bidder to amend its Solicitation for Participation and Commitment Form, to ensure the bidder's continuing responsibility.

In addition, respondents may provide a more detailed description of any efforts they have made within their company and proposal which will help DRWC achieve its inclusion goals. These efforts may include, but are not limited to the following: 1) a description of respondents' written diversity program identifying the race, gender and ethnic composition of its board of directors; 2) its employment profile; 3) a list of all M/W/DSBE vendors that the respondent does business with and a statement of the geographic area(s) where its services are most concentrated; and 4) a description of respondents efforts to maintain a diverse workforce, to maintain a diverse board of directors or administer a fair and effective M/W/DSBE contracting process.

Please note that there will be no extension in time for the bid due date with this Addendum.

End of Addendum No. 1

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