



Greetings,

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is committed to providing quality service to all our customers, and to keep water and wastewater services affordable. DWSD delivers some of the world's cleanest, safest drinking water to more than 245,000 residential and commercial accounts. Our water network consists of more than 2,700 miles of distribution mains and nearly 3,000 miles of sewer collection piping.

To provide this high level of service, DWSD Procurement is working to expand our vendor base and ensure we communicate our procurement process and upcoming solicitation opportunities through numerous vendor outreach activities.

Attached is our Doing Business with DWSD flier which contains information on how to proactively prepare to respond to our solicitations.

- Register with Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN), this is where we publish our solicitations (Request For B=Bid, Q=Quote, I=information, P= Proposal)
 - Please sign up for MITN if you have not done so already. MITN does have 2 options – a free version where a contractor needs to watch for bids, or a paid version which will notify you of all new solicitations that fall under the NIGP codes* that you signed up for.
*(*NIGP Code is a universal taxonomy for identifying commodities and services in procurement systems)*
- Obtain Clearances from the City of Detroit (A mandatory minimum qualification to be considered responsive)
- Apply for Certifications through the Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity (CRIO) Organization which may qualify your business for Equalization Credits (competitive advantage) as permitted by DWSD Procurement Policy permits.
- Registration into the City of Detroit's Supplier Portal allows the award and subsequent payment processes to go quicker and we can issue Purchase Orders and process invoices for payment efficiently.

DWSD Procurement is excited at the opportunity to possibly do business with you. We are here to encourage and guide you with these preparatory steps.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at DWSD-Vendor-Outreach@detroitmi.gov. Please allow 3 business days for a response.

Thank you for your time and consideration.