



# The Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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## Addendum No. 5

Your reference is directed to the Request for Proposal for: **2024-SWB-105 Program Management for Lead Line Replacement** for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans which proposals are due on **December 10, 2024**, at **11:00 a.m.** CST.

This addendum provides for the following:

Responses to Questions

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### Questions by Vendors

1. Are we able to meet the DBE goals that have been set for this project with a Subcontractor's Subcontractor? The Subcontractor is not certified but the subcontractors they will use on this contract will be certified.

ANSWER: The participation of a 2nd tier DBE subcontractor to a 1st tier non-certified subcontractor is not credited in the evaluation of the bid/proposal because SWBNO does not hold a contract with the 1st tier sub and cannot enforce an obligation upon them to meet the proposed participation. Post-bid, the participation of the 2nd tier sub may be calculated in the overall goal. Second tier DBE Participation is not credited in evaluation of bid/proposal but may be included in calculation of post-bid compliance.

2. Based on the estimates in the RFP, there will be 48,000-72,000 lead lines to be replaced. It is critical that the field verifications be completed as soon as possible to allow for the maximum possible time to complete the replacements. Completing the field verifications (potholing to determine pipe materials) under this Program Management contract will save many months as compared to procuring the field verification work separately. Will SWB consider allowing the field verification contractor to work as a sub to the Program Manager on this contract?

ANSWER: The selected Program Management contractor may not enter directly into any agreement for the delivery of "public works" as defined in La. R.S. 38:2211(A)(13). Contracts for public works may only be entered into by SWBNO and a contractor following a public bid process. The selected Program Management contractor may engage a qualified field verification

contractor for the performance of services only. To the extent that a proposed field verification method constitutes a public works project, that work must be procured and reduced to contract by SWBNO directly.

*The changes, additions, and/or deletions included herein are hereby made part of the solicitation documents for 2024-SWB-105 Program Management for Lead Line Replacement, as fully and completely as if the same were set forth therein. The bidder shall be responsible for having knowledge of all addenda issued for this RFP.*

**\*\*\* END OF ADDENDUM \*\*\***