



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"

# Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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## Addendum No.   1

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Your reference is directed to the Invitation to Bid for: **2026-SWB-20Assessment of Repair/Replacement Technologies for Water Infrastructure** for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans which request for information are due on **April 30, 2026**, at **11:00 a.m.** CST.

This addendum provides for the following:

1. Responses to Vendor questions.

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1. Does SWBNO anticipate a single integrated solicitation resulting from this RFI (assessment, repair, replacement), or multiple procurements broken out by function or technology category?
  - a. **SWBNO is actively pursuing leak detection pilot programs. Future procurements may be solicited by function, location, or other categories pending need and/or funding.**
2. Is SWBNO considering a master services / IDIQ style contract with multiple qualified vendors, or a single prime integrator responsible for coordinating multiple technologies?
  - a. **SWBNO is considering all methods of procurement and technologies.**
3. Will future projects prioritize pilot programs first, or is SWBNO planning for scaled, systemwide deployments on transmission mains?
  - a. **SWBNO is actively pursuing leak detection pilot programs. Future procurements may be solicited by function, location, or other categories pending need and/or funding**
4. Based on RFI responses, what is SWBNO's anticipated timeline for issuing an RFP, pilot, or other competitive process?
  - a. **SWBNO is actively pursuing leak detection pilot programs. SWBNO desires to develop a citywide condition assessment and medium-term priorities in the near future.**
5. Should deployment plans assume high groundwater and continuous dewatering, or will SWBNO define site-specific conditions at a later time?
  - a. **SWBNO will define site-specific conditions during bid solicitations.**
6. Will SWBNO define the repair vs. rehabilitation vs. replacement decision logic, or should respondents propose a framework?
  - a. **SWBNO will define the framework during bid solicitations.**

7. Are there target service lives (e.g., 50-year vs. 100-year) that SWBNO expects from rehabilitation or replacement solutions?
  - a. **SWBNO is open to receiving information on all technologies and products and the services lives of those respective products.**
8. Is SWBNO interested in solutions that explicitly quantify risk reduction per dollar invested, rather than purely technical condition grades?
  - a. **SWBNO is open to receiving information on all ranges of solutions that may benefit the public.**
9. Will community impact mitigation (construction footprint, noise, vibration, access, business continuity) be a formal scoring factor?
  - a. **There is no scoring factor as part of this RFI.**
10. Is SWBNO receptive to formal teaming arrangements (JV, Design Build, Prime/Sub, strategic alliances) presented as a unified solution?
  - a. **SWBNO is researching alternative delivery methods to traditional Design-Bid-Build as an option for future replacement programs.**
11. Are there anticipated local, DBE, SBE, or workforce participation goals tied to future procurements arising from this RFI?
  - a. **SWBNO's Economically Disadvantaged Business Program (EDBP) encourages participating by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) in all procurements, and sets DBE goals on a project by project basis.**
  - b. **More information may be found on the Disadvantaged Businesses page on our website: <https://www.swbno.org/Business/DisadvantagedBusinesses>**
12. Is the purpose of the RFI to identify a shortlist of prequalified bidders who will then be invited to submit their pricing and proposed approach in the subsequent RFP stage?
  - a. **There will be no "shortlist" created from this RFI.**
13. **Water Level:** Will the transmission mains be fully surcharged (100% full), or is there a requirement for inspection in partially full or 'dry' conditions?
  - a. **Transmission Mains should be considered fully surcharged**
14. **Flow Velocity:** If the pipes remain in service during inspection, what is the typical or maximum flow velocity (fps) expected within these large-diameter segments?
  - a. **SWBNO does not have precise water velocities in our mains.**
15. **Turbidity:** Given the mention of high-water tables and potential infiltration, are these lines subject to high turbidity or heavy sediment loading that would impact acoustic or visual clarity?
  - a. **Turbidity in the SWBNO water distribution system should be considered to be in the range of 0.0 – 0.3 NTU**
16. Would the Board allow a proposer to submit two separate responses under this RFI, with one response addressing Assessment Technologies and a separate response addressing Pipe Repair and Rehabilitation/Replacement Technologies?
  - a. **SWBNO would accept either option.**

*The changes, additions, and/or deletions included herein are hereby made part of the solicitation documents for 2026-SWB-20 Assessment of Repair/Replacement Technologies for Water Infrastructure 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 RFI.*

This addendum consists of two (2) pages.

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