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# **Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS**

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TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

The Operations Committee of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans met on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 8:00 A.M. in the Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street to address the following matters:

## **ATTENDANCE**

PRESENT: Dr. Tamika Duplessis  
Mr. Marion Bracy  
Mr. Mark Moody  
Mr. Scott Jacobs

ABSENT: Mrs. Kimberly Thomas

Also in attendance: Mr. Alan Arnold, Board Member; Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Madeline Fong Goddard, Deputy Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Legal Counsel; Willie Mingo, Purchasing Department; Jacqueline K. Shine, Revenue Administration; Tiffany Carter, Director, EDBP, and Alvin Porter, EDBP.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Approval of Previous Report**

The report of the Regular Operations Committee Meeting held on Monday, November 3, 2014 was received. Upon a motion of Mr. Moody and second by Dr. Duplessis the report was approved.

The report of the Regular Operations Committee Meeting held on Monday, January 5, 2015 was received. Upon a motion of Mr. Moody and second by Dr. Duplessis the report was approved.

### **2. Bid Recommendations - DBE Participation**

There were no bid recommendations with DBE participation.

### **3. Construction Review Committee Recommendations**

The Construction Review Committee met, February 24, 2015 and made the following recommendations.

#### **Open Market Contracts**

##### **One year contract, no renewal options**

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| 1. Contract #1345       | <b>Replacement of the Filter Backwash Equipment at the Main Water Purification Plant</b>   |
| Estimated Cost:         | \$1,800,000.00   |
| Suggested Goal:         | 7%   |
| Areas of Participation: | Demolition, and Electrical installation<br>Source of funding is Water System Fund  |
| 2. Contract #1381       | <b>Furnish and installation of Air Compressors and Associated Equipment at the Main Water Purification Plant</b>                             |
| Estimated Cost:         | \$190,000.00   |
| Suggested Goal:         | 30%  |
| Areas of Participation: | Removal of Existing Equipment, Electrical Work, New Walkway w/Louvres, and Structural Changes<br>Source of funding is Water System Fund      |
| 3. Contract #1385       | <b>Replacement of the Filter Media at 4 Filters at the Algiers New Filter Gallery at the Algiers Water Treatment Plan</b>                    |
| Estimated Cost:         | \$400,000.00   |
| Suggested Goal:         | 35%  |
| Areas of Participation: | Removal and disposal of Existing Sand and Anthrite, and purchase of new sand<br>Source of funding is Water System Fund                       |
| 4. Contract #3664       | <b>404 HMGP Replacement of Sewage Pumping Station 8</b>  |
| Estimated Cost:         | \$4,032,176.00   |
| Suggested Goal:         | 36%  |
| Areas of Participation: | Demolition, Electrical, HVAC, Earthwork, Building, Miscellaneous Site Work, Structural, and Piling<br>Source of funding is FEMA Reimbursable |

##### **One year contract, and a one year renewal option**

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| 5. Contract #8144 | <b>Re-paving of Open Cuts in Streets, Driveways, and Sidewalks Resulting from the Repair to the S &amp;WB Underground Utilities Repairs</b> |
| Estimated Cost:   | \$1,960,200.00  |
| Suggested Goal:   | 36%   |

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Areas of Participation: Removal, Repair and Restoration  
Source of funding is Water, Sewer, and Drainage System Funds

6. Contract #30014      **Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites within Orleans Parish**

Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000.00

Suggested Goal: 36%

Areas of Participation: Cleaning and Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains  
Source of funding is Sewer System Fund

The Construction Review Committee's recommendations were approved on a motion by Mr. Moody and seconded by Dr. Duplessis, and the motion carried.

#### 4. **Staff Contract Review Committee Recommendations**

The Staff Contract Review Committee met on February 24, 2015, and made the following recommendations:

##### **Open Market Contracts**

**Open Market, 30% SLDBE Participation, one (1) year with a one (1) year renewal option**

1. **Furnishing Safety Supplies to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans**

Budget Amount: \$200,000.00

Areas of Participation: Supply and delivery of product  
Funding Source: Operating and Maintenance

2. **Furnishing Hand Tools, Hardware Supplies, Paint and Paint Supplies to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans**

Budget Amount: \$350,000.00

Areas of Participation: Supply and delivery of product  
Funding Source: Operating and Maintenance

**Open Market, 0% SLDBE Participation, one (1) year with a one (1) year renewal option**

3. **Furnishing Hoses and Accessories to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans**

Budget Amount: \$150,000.00

Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because products are single items that are shipped directly from the manufacturer.  
Funding Source: Operating and Maintenance

##### **Renewal Contracts**

**First and Final Renewal, 20% SLDBE Participation**

4. **Furnishing Flashlights & Batteries to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans**

Renewal Cost: \$42,222.40

Prime Contractor: General Mill Supplies, Inc.

SLDBE Subcontractor:

Assorted Products

Funding Source: Operating and Maintenance

The DBE participation goal is 20.00%. The DBE participation achieved is 20.00%.

**First and Final Renewal, 5% SLDBE Participation**

**5. Furnishing Fire Extinguisher Services to the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans**

Renewal Cost: \$50,456.00

Prime Contractor: Herbert S. Hiller Corporation

SLDBE Subcontractor: Assorted Products

Paint Pro Depot

Funding Source: Operating and Maintenance

The DBE participation goal is 5%. The DBE participation achieved is 28.72%.

**First and Final Renewal, 0% SLDBE Participation**

**6. Furnishing Air Conditioning and Heating Maintenance Services for the Carrollton and West Bank Water Treatment Plants**

Renewal Cost: \$61,767.00

Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because of the specialized services and the warranty issues that are involved.

Funding Source: Operating and Maintenance

The Staff Contract Review Committee Recommendations were approved on a motion by Dr. Duplessis and seconded by Mr. Jacobs. The motion carried.

**5. Renewal Construction Contracts with DBE Participation**

There were no Renewal Construction Contracts with DBE participation.

**6. Final Acceptance Contracts with DBE Participation**

**Contract #3691 – Restoration of Gravity Sanitary Sewer by Point Repair and CIPP Lining of Sewer Mains at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish**

The Prime Contractor is Boh Bros. Construction Co., LLC. The DBE participation goal is 35%. The DBE participation achieved is 26.39%.

According to documentation submitted by the prime contractor, additional tasks were inserted into the project that was not in the initial scope of work. The additional tasks inhibited their ability to meet the SLDBE participation goal because these tasks were either highly technical, or S &WB did not have SLDBE subcontractor certified to perform those scopes of work. The prime contractor makes a point of stating that their SLDBE participation met 39.12% for the original scope of work. These statements have been confirmed by the originating department of S &WB. The Economically Disadvantaged Business Program recommends that the DBE participation on subject contract be approved for final acceptance.

The above referenced final acceptance on subject contract with DBE participation was approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobs and seconded by Dr. Duplessis. The motion carried.

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS**

### **7. Customer Service Results through January 2015**

Mr. Miller, Deputy Director provided an update of the Customer Account Management System. He clarified we are not automating the existing processes; instead, we are implementing new business processes along with new technology. In addition, we are preparing to pilot and test other automated meter reading technology. The Committee received the report.

### **8. Topics for Future Discussions**

There were no presentations to review.

### **9. Response to Questions**

Mr. Arnold reviewed questions to and responses from management on matters affecting customer service practices, customer usage patterns, and customer growth rates. Mr. Miller provided further elaboration on these matters. The Committee discussed the determination of which items were within the scope of responsibilities for management versus which items were appropriate for Board consideration.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**The following information items were available for review by committee:**

### **10. DBE Participation Report**

Received by committee.

### **11. 2015 Committee/Board Meeting Schedule**

No changes were requested.

### **12. Any Other Matters**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further presentations to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Jacobs to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Moody. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Mr. Marion Bracy, Chair**