

CITY OF TACOMA/TACOMA WATER

TACOMA WATER NEW WAREHOUSE/SHOPS BUILDING PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

1. Regarding Question 2B (Funding Status): Are federal funds anticipated for this project? If so, please elaborate on Tacoma Water's experience administering federal funding requirements such as Davis Bacon, American Iron/Steel, DBE, etc.

No. There are currently no Federal funds anticipated for this project.

2. Tacoma Water has limited past history with DBE/MBE inclusion participation based on Exhibit D. Future based actions were majority of the response in Question 10. What is the approach of achieving Tacoma Water's desired requirements/goal.

The City of Tacoma has an Equity in Contracting (EIC) policy (Chapter 1.07, Tacoma Municipal Code) which makes provisions for historically underutilized business enterprises to have an equitable opportunity to participate in the performance of City contracts. As written, current City policy dictates specific metrics for participation goals/requirements on individual projects. Tacoma Water intends to work with the City's EIC office and the selected Design-Builder during the negotiations of the DB Contract to set project-specific participation goals for this project.

Although DEI is not a criteria required for PRC approval, the RCWs require that the Design-Build SOQ evaluation criteria include the proposer's past performance in utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises and that the Proposal evaluation criteria include proposer's inclusion plan for small business entities and disadvantaged business enterprises as subconsultants, inclusion subcontractors, and suppliers for the project. Our RFQ and RFP documents will require the contractor to include utilization performance on past projects in the SOQ and a project-specific outreach and inclusion plan as part of their Proposal. This information will be utilized to evaluate/rank proposer's and to inform us on the process of setting goals for the participation/utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises on this project.

3. What is the desired MBE/DBE inclusion participation on this application?

Refer to the response above.