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To Whom it may concern,

Please share this invitation with any organization members that presently reside in Hamilton County, Ohio, meet the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards, and are capable of providing the professional engineering services described herein.

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati ("MSDGC") is seeking your input and involvement in a very important endeavor for our community's long-term prosperity and vitality. Phase I of our "Economic Development Assistance" project is focused on growing the Small Business Enterprise ("SBE") participation in MSDGC engineering-related professional services.

Our overall goal for this project is help stakeholders achieve a vision for our community that stimulates sustainable growth through capital spending on projects for MSDGC (see "Desired Services"). To that end, we are seeking participation at a workshop on **Friday, October 30th**.

The purpose of the overall workshop will be to transfer a clear understanding of Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati's current economic development vision as it relates to SBE growth and involvement in the region; understand what has worked elsewhere and how it was accomplished; and gain a better understanding of the current business environment from both large and small engineering services companies. The workshop will be facilitated by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. Mr. Biju George and Ms. Sarah Anderson will be leading the project for MSDGC.

The workshop will be divided into two sessions. The first, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m., will center on our project vision/mission and will include several guest speakers. The second session will be held from 10:30 a. m. until 12:00 noon. This will be a breakout session of a smaller group of participants, with the goal to discuss hurdles, improvements to the selection process and preliminary action items aimed at helping MSDGC, the City of Cincinnati, and Hamilton County achieve their collective vision for economic development in the region.

Desired Services

The MSDGC currently serves the wastewater removal and treatment needs of over 800,000 residents in Hamilton County, Ohio. Under the Clean Water Act, cities are required to reduce and, in some cases, eliminate releases of untreated wastewater into the environment through combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). These requirements apply to every wastewater system in the country and have dramatic implications for systems in older Northeastern and Midwestern communities such as Cincinnati, which have significant SSO and CSO occurrences. MSDGC recently completed negotiations with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and the State of Ohio to develop a response program that would be recognized and supported by the government, but would also be affordable for local ratepayers. As a result of these negotiations, MSDGC will be spending approximately **\$1.5 billion over the next ten** years to mitigate CSOs and SSOs.

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As per the negotiated response program, MSDGC is anticipating a considerable increase in the quantity of engineering-related services that it will require to complete projects outlined in the agreement with the EPA and is compiling a list of qualified SBEs interested in providing professional engineering services related to the implementation of its capital improvement program (CIP). CIP projects consist of the rehabilitation of existing and design of new:

- Wastewater collection system improvements
- Pump stations
- Wastewater treatment facilities
- High rate treatment systems
- Green infrastructure
- Administrative facilities

Work is expected to be performed in the following phases: (1) Planning Services; (2) Detailed Design Services; (3) Bid-Phase Services; and (4) Construction Phase Services. Specific service disciplines required include:

- Collection system modeling (specifically SWMM modeling)
- Hydrologic modeling
- Surge modeling
- Green infrastructure
- Sitework
- Utilities
- Landscaping
- Architectural
- Structural
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Electrical
- Instrumentation and Control
- Process Mechanical
- Cost Estimating
- Scheduling

To be able to attend this meeting, your business must reside in Hamilton County, Ohio, meet the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards, and be capable of providing the professional engineering services described herein. A full table of Small Business Size Standards matched to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) may be obtained at www.sba.gov/size.

The event will be held at MSDGC's New Administration Building located at 1081 Woodrow Street off of Gest Street in the Queensgate area of Cincinnati. ***As space is limited, selection of breakout group participants will need to be made from the list of confirmed attendees to facilitate a diverse cross section of business perspectives and dialogue.***

Therefore, all qualifying and interested **SBE professional engineering services firms** please respond with your willingness to attend the workshop to Carol Lovett of Malcolm Pirnie, at clovett@pirnie.com, or at (513) 677-8380, no later than October 23rd. **You will be notified by email by October 26th whether or not your attendance request has been accepted.**

Sincerely,

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