

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

This announcement is provided for informational purposes. The complete solicitation and any subsequently issued addenda govern the procurement.

Lake Michigan Regional Water Supply Initiative

The DuPage Water Commission and the North Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency (collectively referred to as “Owner”) hereby solicit statements of qualification from highly qualified firms or teams to provide program management services for the planning, design, procurement, construction, commissioning, and implementation of the Lake Michigan Regional Water Supply Initiative, a landmark water infrastructure program.

The Lake Michigan Regional Water Supply Initiative is a regional infrastructure project that will deliver a modern, state-of-the-art water system, providing safe, clean, and reliable water to local communities across Northeastern Illinois for generations to come. The new source-to-tap water system will create a direct connection to Lake Michigan. The proposed infrastructure will provide water to over 30 communities and 1.5 million people in Northeastern Illinois, with the potential to serve an additional 20+ communities and 775,000+ people in the future. The infrastructure consists of three elements: a raw water intake and tunnel, water purification facility, and purified water transmission tunnel. This major infrastructure project will take approximately 15 years to design and construct.

Major tasks of the Program are anticipated to include:

- Planning Services;
- Program Controls and Risk Management;
- Decision Support / Digital Platform;
- Stakeholder Stewardship;
- Ancillary Engineering;
- Coordination of Element Design and Construction, and
- Environmental, permitting, real estate, technology, and other enabling services.

The Owner anticipates that the infrastructure will be designed and constructed through multiple concurrent collaborative delivery contracts, which may include Construction Manager

at Risk (CMAR), Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC), Progressive Design-Build (PDB), and other delivery methods, as appropriate.

Program Management Services

The Owner is seeking a Program Management Team with the organizational depth and multidisciplinary capabilities necessary to establish and operate a comprehensive program management organization.

The selected team will function as an extension of the Owner's organization and provide the management systems, technical expertise, organizational capacity, and program controls necessary to successfully deliver the proposed infrastructure.

The Program Management Team will be expected to work collaboratively with the Owner, member agencies, regulators, funding agencies, designers, contractors, operators, and associated stakeholders.

The Program Management Team will serve as an extension of the Owner's organization but will not displace the Owner's statutory, fiduciary, policy, or contractual responsibilities.

Minimum Qualifications

The Owner is seeking firms or teams with demonstrated experience delivering large, complex water infrastructure programs, including:

- Capital costs of \$1 billion or more;
- Multiple concurrent projects and contracts;
- Regional or multi-agency governance;
- Alternative project delivery methods;
- Large water treatment, transmission, storage, or conveyance facilities;
- Federal or state infrastructure financing;
- Complex regulatory and environmental requirements; and
- Significant public and stakeholder involvement.

Proposers should demonstrate the organizational capacity, technical expertise, financial resources, and depth of personnel necessary to support a long-term, multi-billion-dollar infrastructure program.

Procurement Schedule

The anticipated procurement includes the statement of qualifications and shortlisted firms will be asked to interview. The proposed schedule is:

Activity	Date
Optional Solicitation Webinar	September 16, 2026 (9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Central Time)
Deadline for Written Questions	September 23, 2026
Statement of Qualifications Due	October 16, 2026 (12:00 p.m. Central Time)
Shortlist Notification	Week of November 2, 2026
Shortlisted Team Interviews	Week of November 16, 2026
Selection Panel Recommendation to Board	December 10, 2026

The Owner reserves the right to modify this schedule.

Solicitation Information

The complete Request for Qualifications, including the Scope of Services, submittal instructions, evaluation criteria, and procurement schedule, is available at:

<https://www.lakemichiganregionalwatersupply.org/>

The website identified above will be the official source for the Request for Qualifications, addenda, webinar information, responses to questions, and other procurement notices. All questions and communications concerning this procurement must be submitted to the email address below. Interested firms should not contact other Owner personnel, Board members, elected officials, or associated representatives regarding this procurement.

Email: LMRWSI@DPWC.ORG

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all submittals, waive informalities, modify the procurement process, or cancel the solicitation in accordance with applicable law.