

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL  
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Reginald Wells, Director, Department of Watershed Management

FROM: Njeri Thorpe, Procurement Agent – CIP Team

SUBJECT: ITB No. 2025-070 Indefinite Quantities Water, Sewer, and Emergency

DATE: May 14, 2026

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It is requested that you do the following:

1. Please review the attached bids associated with the above referenced solicitation and provide your award recommendation. You are looking for the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. Your review should ensure that you are confident that your recommended supplier(s) can in fact provide the goods and services required.
2. Please provide the following information in the space provided on page three:
  - a. Specific justification why in your professional opinion the recommended vendor should be awarded the contract.
  - b. Advise of any problems in connection with the selected vendor(s), if any exist.
  - c. If you find bidders who offer lower prices than your recommended supplier(s), then you must provide specific justification why they are either non-responsive\* (did not follow the instructions found in the solicitation) or non-responsible\*\* (not able to perform/deliver as minimally required according to the scope of work found in the solicitation).

*\*Note – The Department of Purchasing and Contracting is ultimately responsible in determining if a bidder is non-responsive, but input/feedback from the user department is always important to us.*

*\*\*Note – The user department and the Department of Purchasing and Contracting must mutually agree before determining if a bidder is non-responsible.*

3. Return required documents within five (5) business days.

If you have any questions, please contact Njeri Thorpe via email at [nmthorpe@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:nmthorpe@dekalbcountyga.gov) or (404) 687-3553.

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**User Department's Recommendation**

**User Department Name: Watershed Management**

**Recommended Bidder(s) meets our approval:**

\*\*\*3 Awards for Water 100 Series/General Bid Items:

Bidder 1: SDC/\$38,704,502.52

Bidder 2: GS Construction/\$56,475,666.67

Bidder 3: Ruby Collins/\$45,274,645.67

\*\*\*3 Awards for Sewer 200 Series/General Bid Items

Bidder 1: Insituform/\$69,825,779.17

Bidder 2: SAK/\$70,202,512.50

Bidder 3: Ruby Collins/\$15,501,342

\*\*\*Sewer Storage 300 Series & Emergency 900 Series - Georgia Sewer & Storm/\$29,587,580

**Project Amount:**

\$325,572,028.52

**Funding:** R&E and/or Bond

**General**  **Enterprise**  **3 Digit Fund Code** 512/513

**CIP Line Item No. (if applicable):** 44,82 & 84

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Justification:

The Department of Watershed Management (DWM) is recommending award of new water, sewer, and emergency contracts to various vendors of this solicitation to perform the specified scope of work with a contract term of 4 years.

DWM has reviewed the submittals and have found that they each meet the Company experience requirements presented in the bid package. In addition, review of the references provided indicate each vendor recommended has performed similar work for other utilities in an acceptable manner. The work in this contract requires that the contractors perform consent decree assignments along with meeting the urgent needs that arise from operational events of the water and sewer system.

Summary of award recommendation is shown below:

3 awards for Water 100 Series + General Bid Items (40% of base bid totals went to SDC for lowest bidder and GS Construction & 20% of base bid total went to Ruby Collins)

3 awards for Sewer 200 Series + General Bid Items (50% of base bid total went to Insituform for lowest bidder, 40% of base bid total went to SAK and 10% went to Ruby Collins)

1 award for Sewer Storage 300 Series

1 award for Emergency 900 Series

General Bid Items had to be divided 6 different ways since there are 6 awards.

The recommendation of multiple vendors will provide the County with greater depth of resources and flexibility in selecting qualified vendors for work order-based water and sewer projects.

**Kerry Williams**

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Deputy Director/Designee

Date

**Reginald Wells**

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Reginald Wells, Director

Date

Department of Watershed Management