

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Reginald Wells, Director, Department of Watershed Management

FROM: Njeri Thorpe, Procurement Technician – CIP Team

SUBJECT: ITB No. 25-100070 Consent Decree - Ongoing Sewer Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation (CD-OSCAR)

DATE: August 27, 2025

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 two:
 - 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 (404) 687-2744.

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User Department's Recommendation

User Department Name: Watershed Management

Recommended Bidder(s) meets our approval:

Bidder 1: Southeast Pipe Survey/\$21,437,682.00

Bidder 2: Kemi Construction Company/\$28,314,819.00

Project Amount:

\$49,752,501.00

Funding: Renewal and Extension (R&E)

General ☐ **Enterprise** ☒ **3 Digit Fund Code** 513

CIP Line Item No. (if applicable): 42

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Justification:

Two bids were received from the following firms, Kemi Construction Company and Southeast Pipe Survey.

DWM recommends both firms, Southeast Pipe Survey and Kemi Construction Company for selection for ITB 25-100070. DWM has reviewed the submittals and have found that they each meet the Company experience requirements presented in the bid package and summarized in Attachment A - CD-PRAC Contractor Qualifications. 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 the consent decree assignments along with meeting the urgent needs that arise from operational events of the sewer system. The recommendation of two vendors will allow DWM to divide the quantity of work to be completed into reasonable amounts for each vendor to accomplish under the timeline provided. It will also allow the Department flexibility to shift work as needed between vendors if performance issues are noted during the contract period. The goal of this contracts are for the consent decree crews to stay focused on assessing sewers while other crews are used to address operational occurrences.

**Kerry
Williams**

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Supervisor/Designee

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**Reginald
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Reginald Wells, Director

11/5/25

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