

City of Columbus
Columbus Water and Light
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
Licensed Plumbers/Utility Contractors interested in participating in the private
Lead Service Line Program

Project Background

The municipality is seeking qualifications from licensed plumbers/utility contractors who are interested in performing private lead service line replacement work in the City of Columbus. The WI DNR has made funds available through the SDWLP to qualified municipalities in order to eliminate the private portion of a lead service line serving a single family home, a multifamily building, a k-12 school, or a licensed infant/children day care facility. Licensed plumbers/utility contractors providing appropriate responses to the RFQ will be placed on a certified plumbers list. Owners of these properties will be able to contract directly with a licensed certified plumber/utility contractor and once work is completed, eligible costs are reimbursed from the LSL program to the municipality or their designee.

Project Goal

The goal is to eliminate the health hazards associated with private lead service lines at various properties in the City of Columbus. For the purposes of the SDWLP program, private lead service line replacement means, “the replacement of the existing lead service line between the curb stop and the water meter within the structure”.

Definitions and Terms

Chapter SPS 381.01(282) defines "Water service" as “that portion of a water supply system from the water main or private water supply to the building control valve.”

Through the municipality, the SDWLP private Lead Service Line Program will provide for reimbursement of eligible costs for a property owner to replace a private lead service line at the properties described above. Typically, all costs normally associated with replacing the private portion of the lead service line will be reimbursed in full or in part. Typical costs might include the cost of excavation, materials, labor, backfill, and restoration. No-dig methods of pipe installation might also be considered as a typical cost. Non-typical costs at a property may be allowed pending review and approval by the municipality and the SDWLP private Lead Service Line Program. A non- typical cost might include the cost of rerouting the private portion of the lead service line to a more acceptable location within a structure when it results in an overall cost saving.

Project Schedule

The deadline for submitting an RFQ 01/21/2022

The date for issuing project certification list 01/21/2022

Approximate start date of project 03/15/2022

Approximate completion date of project 11/10/2022

Project Funding Requirements

Based upon the SDWLP lead service line replacement project guidelines, a municipality may reimburse licensed plumbers/contractors for qualified costs when a licensed plumber/utility contractor is contracted directly by the property owner. In order to comply with the SDWLP funding requirements, municipalities will require that the certified licensed plumbers perform the work in accordance with the following:

- 1) Work to be performed by a licensed plumber under section **SPS 305.90 Wis. Adm. Code** or utility contractor under section **SPS305.97 Wis. Adm. Code**;
- 2) Work to be performed in accordance with the plumbing code requirements found in **Wis. Adm. Code SPS Chapters 381-391**;
- 3) Work to be performed as required by all applicable OSHA requirements/standard;
- 4) Adequate financial records shall be established and maintained in accordance with the municipal SDWLP Financial Assistance Agreement;
- 5) The municipality will determine the submittal requirements necessary for the licensed plumber/utility contractor to document the lead service line replacement at each address where work was performed; costs shall be maintained separate for public portion of the service lateral from the water main to the curb stop and private portion from the curb stop to the building;
- 6) The municipality will be required to certify that the licensed plumbers/utility contractors performing lead service line replacement work will comply with the SDWLP financial assistance agreement (loan) requirements including **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Solicitation** and the use of **American Iron & Steel (AIS)**, and **Davis-Bacon Requirements**.
- 7) We encourage DBEs, including MBEs and WBEs, to submit a submittal sheet.

Minimum RFQ Information Requirements

Licensed plumbers/utility contractors interested in performing lead service line replacements as funded by a municipal SDWLP Financial Assistance Agreement should submit a response to the RFQ by including (at minimum) the following information:

Name of plumbing/contractor business

Name of plumbing/contractor business owner or registered agent

Address City State Zip

Phone Fax Email Address

Plumbing/contract license number

Number of years licensed

Number of years in business

General business information:

Briefly describe your plumbing/utility contractor organization, size and structure:

Provide the number of years your firm has been engaged in performing licensed plumber/utility contractor service line replacement/installation work:

How many new service line installations and service line replacements has your plumbing business performed in the last three years at: 1) private single family homes; 2) multi-family buildings; and 3) infant/children day care facilities:

Other qualifying information that would be helpful for this project:

Signature of the Officer/Owner of the business:

State of Wisconsin

County of Columbus

Signed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by_____ .

(official signature & seal of notary)

My commission expires _____

RETURN COMPLETED RFQ TO:

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