



Water Works and Lighting Commission

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PRIVATE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT REQUEST FOR PLUMBER QUALIFICATIONS

1. GENERAL

The Wisconsin Rapids Waterworks and Lighting Commission is seeking qualifications from licensed plumbers who are interested in performing private lead water service line replacement work in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. The WI DNR has made funds available through the Federal Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to qualified municipalities in order to eliminate the privately owned portion of a lead water service line serving single family homes, multifamily buildings licensed daycare facilities and k-12 schools. Licensed plumbers providing appropriate responses to the RFQ will be placed on a pre-qualified list. Owners of eligible properties, using a licensed plumber from the pre-qualified list for the private lead service line replacement, will be able to apply for reimbursement of the costs associated with the lead line replacement.

2. PROJECT GOAL

The goal of this program is to eliminate private lead service lines and thereby eliminate the potential health hazards associated with lead service lines. For the purposes of the SDWLP program, private lead service line replacement means, the replacement of the existing lead water service line between the curb stop and the water meter within the structure.

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



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3. PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Based upon SDWLP lead service line replacement project guidelines the Water Works and Lighting Commission will reimburse pre-approved property owners for qualified lead line replacement costs when a prequalified licensed plumber is used by the property owner to complete the lead line replacement. In order to comply with the SDWLP funding requirements, the Water Works and Lighting Commission will require that licensed plumbers perform the work in accordance with the following:

- a. Work is to be performed by a licensed plumber under Wis. Adm. Code SPS 305.90
- b. Work is to be performed in accordance with the plumbing code requirements found under Wis. Adm. Code SPS Chapters 381-391
- c. Work to be performed as required by all applicable OSHA requirements or standards.
- d. Adequate financial records shall be established and maintained in accordance with the municipal SDWLP Financial Assistance Agreement.
- e. The Water Works and Lighting Commission will require pre-approval for each address where lead line replacement is proposed. The Water Works and Lighting Commission will provide a pre-approval application.
- f. Licensed plumbers performing lead service line replacement work will need to comply with the SDWLP financial agreement requirements including the use of American Iron and Steel.
- g. Certification of Use of American Iron and Steel will be necessary for partial reimbursement of project costs. Partial reimbursement of project costs will not be approved without UAIS certification. **“All materials used in the lead service line replacement project must be in full compliance with the use of American Iron and Steel requirement as mandated in EPA’s State Revolving Fund programs.”**

4. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES ENTERPRISE

The Water Works and Lighting Commission encourages DBEs including MBEs and WBEs to submit proposals for the purpose of being included on the municipality’s list of prequalified plumbers for the Lead Service Line replacement program. Plumbers soliciting for subcontractors must also make a good faith effort to contract with subcontractors meeting the DBE requirements.

5. DAVIS-BACON REQUIREMENTS

Funding for private lead service line replacement is being provided by the US-EPA and the federal Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements will apply in the following circumstance:

- A property that is owned by a business entity (trust, LLC, etc.) and will be using a plumber that has employees (that are not business owners).

Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements will not apply in the following circumstances:

- The property is owned by an individual or individuals and will be using a plumber that does have employees.
- The property is owned by a business entity (trust, LLC, etc.) and the plumber completing the work is an individual or has no employees.

The Water Works and Lighting Commission will assist in determining property ownership and whether or not Davis-Bacon wage rate apply.



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6. USE OF AMERICAN IRON & STEEL

Plumbers performing private lead service line replacement will need to certify the Use of American Iron and Steel to remain eligible for reimbursement of project costs. Partial reimbursement of project costs will not be approved without UAIS certification. **“All materials used in the lead service line replacement project must be in full compliance with the use of American Iron and Steel requirement as mandated in EPA’s State Revolving Fund programs.”**

7. MINIMUM RFQ INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Licensed plumbers interested in performing lead service line replacements as funded by the SDWLP through the Water Works and Lighting Commission are required to submit a response to the RFQ by including (at a minimum) the following information.

- a. Name and physical address of plumbing business location. Not a P.O. Box
- b. Name of owner(s) or registered agent(s).
- c. Plumbers license numbers.
- d. Number of years and months in business as a licensed plumber.
- e. General business information. Briefly describe your plumbing organization, size and structure. Provide the number or years your firm has been engaged in water service line installation or replacement work. How many new water service line installation and service line replacements has your business performed in the last 3 years at: 1) single family homes; 2) multi-family buildings; and 3) infant or child day care facilities?
- f. Current certificate of insurance.

8. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

RFQ’s must have a notarized signature.

If interested, please email completed RFQ’s to: adam.breunig@wrwwlc.com

Or mail to: Water Works and Lighting Commission
Attn: Adam Breunig
221 16th St S
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

RFQ’s must be submitted by April 27th at 2:00 pm.

Questions pertaining to this RFQ should be directed to:

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