

1. What is the name(s) of the consulting firm(s) who has been providing engineering services to the City of Rochester for sewer and WWTP services over the past 5 years?

at the WWTP it has been primarily CDM, they designed the most recent upgrade to the plant in 2000. Wright-Pierce has had some involvement down there, but only small stuff. Both Wright-Pierce and Weston and Sampson have assisted us with the collection system.

2. Section III of the RFP states that,

*“Bidders may visit the site, only after they have been notified that they have been shortlisted and will be requested to be interviewed by appropriate personnel. Bidders shall be responsible for having ascertained pertinent local conditions, such as: location, accessibility and general character of the site(s) using open source methods using information publicly available. All questions pertaining to details of the City of Rochester’s sewer system shall be directed through the City’s Purchasing Agent Only. Employees of the Department of Public Works including the wastewater treatment division, engineering division, water treatment division shall not be contacted directly.”*

Can we visit the DPW facilities to view recent sewer rehabilitation projects and possibly view plans of the WWTP?

I would like to say yes, however we put that clause in the RFQ to limit the "revolving door syndrome" of spending a lot of time catering to questions and interviews from what would likely be a dozen or more firms looking for information. The treatment plant and DPW is very leanly staffed and there just is not a lot of time to cater to an unknown no. of firms over a short period of time. You are welcome to drive to Rochester and into the plant grounds during normal working hours (7 am to 3 pm) and walk around accessible areas (just like the bird watchers who frequent the plant do). Just check in and out w/ the staff so they are aware you are there. Staff will not answer detailed questions or spend time discussing process, etc. or provide a tour of the plant at this time. We could make a set of plans of the 2000 upgrade available to look at in the break room of the plant, however we will not make copies.