



May 20, 2025

## RESPONSE LETTER NO. 1 TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Project Title: Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning – 2025 Hurricane Season

Project No.: 20250043

**E-mail from Ms. Emely Bennett, Insituform Technologies, LLC; dated Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 04:55 P.M. (attached)**

QUESTION: 1) Can you please confirm whether a **bid bond is required** for this solicitation? The RPQ states that the bid bond may not be needed unless triggered by an official emergency declaration, and we'd like to ensure our understanding is correct.

RESPONSE: 1) Confirmed. For more information, please refer to the Supplementary Instructions to Bidders, Article 1.02 BID SECURITY, in the Solicitation Documents.

QUESTION: 2) What is the **final deadline to submit questions** or RFIs for this project? We want to be sure to coordinate any inquiries in time for your review.

RESPONSE: 2) Since the answers to the questions submitted by the contractors can require clarifications from other Sections, the contractors must submit the RFIs at least on Wednesday of the week before Bid Opening Day. The County needs to get ready the responses or any Addendum to send it out 72 hours before the submittal day.

QUESTION: 3) Lastly, we'd appreciate your guidance regarding the **10.54% DBE aspirational goal**. Given the emergency-response nature and labor-intensive in-house performance expected on this contract (e.g., debris removal, storm drain access, GPS documentation), there appears to be **minimal opportunity for traditional subcontracting**. Could you please advise how a non-DBE prime contractor might feasibly approach this participation target under these constraints?

RESPONSE: 3) The 10.54% DBE goal for this contract is aspirational, meaning it is a target rather than a strict requirement. While contractors are encouraged to make good faith efforts to achieve this level of participation, it is understood that actual attainment may vary based on project-specific constraints. For more information on DBE requirements, guidance, and good faith effort documentation, please refer to FDOT's official DBE program resources at the following link: <https://www.fdot.gov/equalopportunity/dbe.shtm>



**E-mail from Mr. Eddy Barba, Insituform Technologies, LLC; dated Monday, May 5, 2025, 02:32 P.M. (attached)**

QUESTION: 1) Under the experience requirement, as has been allowed under other MD contracts, will the county allow experienced staff to qualify the company?

RESPONSE: 1) The County will consider the experience of full-time personnel in meeting the experience requirement. As stated in the Invitation to Bid and Section 1.07 of the Supplementary Instructions to Bidders, the Bidder must demonstrate that it has full-time personnel with the necessary experience to perform the Project's Scope of Work. Accordingly, the company may be qualified based on the experience of its full-time personnel.

QUESTION: 2) Due to all the new regulations imposed by DERM, who will be responsible for pulling the dewatering permits required to decant back into the storm water system?

RESPONSE: 2) The Contractor will be the responsible for obtaining a Class V permit to performs the dewatering activities associated with cleaning and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure required to decant back into the storm water system, as they will be conducting the actual dewatering activities.

**E-mail from Mr. Eddy Barba, Insituform Technologies, LLC; dated Monday, May 6, 2025, 03:46 P.M. (attached)**

QUESTION: 1) The bid has a 10.54% DBE Requirement, would a County certified SBE-G&S firm comply with this requirement, or must it be FDOT DBE?

RESPONSE: 1) Please refer to the response to Question 3 provided to Ms. Emely Bennett of Insituform Technologies, LLC, dated Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 4:55 PM.

**E-mail from Ms. Shayna Agosta, National Water Main Cleaning Company; dated Monday, May 19, 2025, 03:46 P.M. (attached)**

QUESTION: 1) This bid requires DBE, but we cannot find vendors that are DBE to provide for this bid.

RESPONSE: 1) Please refer to the response to Question 3 provided by Ms. Emely Bennett of Insituform Technologies, LLC, dated Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 4:55 PM.



**END OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION No. 1**

Sincerely,



on behalf of

Tiondra Wright  
Chief, Capital Improvements Division  
Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

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Elva Reyes, DTPW  
Katherine Fernandez, DTPW  
Clerk of the Board  
Project File

**From:** [Emily Bennett](#)  
**To:** [Reyes, Elva \(DTPW\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Clerk of the Board \(COC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Clarification Request – RPQ No. 20250043 (Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning – 2025 Hurricane Season)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 4:54:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Hi Elva,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out regarding RPQ No. 20250043 and would appreciate your clarification on a few items:

1. Can you please confirm whether a **bid bond is required** for this solicitation? The RPQ states that the bid bond may not be needed unless triggered by an official emergency declaration, and we'd like to ensure our understanding is correct.
2. What is the **final deadline to submit questions** or RFIs for this project? We want to be sure to coordinate any inquiries in time for your review.
3. Lastly, we'd appreciate your guidance regarding the **10.54% DBE aspirational goal**. Given the emergency-response nature and labor-intensive in-house performance expected on this contract (e.g., debris removal, storm drain access, GPS documentation), there appears to be **minimal opportunity for traditional subcontracting**. Could you please advise how a non-DBE prime contractor might feasibly approach this participation target under these constraints?

Thanks in advance for your time and support. We're working to prepare a thoughtful and responsive bid, and any insights you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

**Emily Bennett** | Bid Manager | **Insituform Technologies, LLC**

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## Reyes, Elva (DTPW)

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**From:** Eddy Barba <ebarba@azuria.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:32 PM  
**To:** Reyes, Elva (DTPW); Clerk of the Board (COC)  
**Subject:** RFI 20250043, Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning - 2025 Hurricane Season

### EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Hello I have a few questions regarding the above mentioned bid:

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Due to all the new regulations imposed by DERM, who will be responsible for pulling the dewatering permits required to decant back into the storm water system?

Thank you,  
Eddy Barba

**Eddy Barba** | Director of Operations South East, Specialty Services | **Insituform Technologies, LLC**  
**Cell: 904-927-9346**

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**From:** [Eddy Barba](#)  
**To:** [Reyes, Elva \(DTPW\)](#); [Clerk of the Board \(COC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RFI 20250043, Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning - 2025 Hurricane Season  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:47:18 PM

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Hello, I have a follow up question.

The bid has a 10.54% DBE Requirement, would a County certified SBE-G&S firm comply with this requirement, or must it be FDOT DBE?

Thank you

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**From:** [Shayna Agosta](#)  
**To:** [Reyes, Elva \(DTPW\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Rodriguez, Bryan \(DTPW\)](#); [Fernandez, Katherine \(DTPW\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: DBE for Miami-Dade County RPQ-20250043 - Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning - 2025 Hurricane Season  
**Date:** Monday, May 19, 2025 9:07:23 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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This bid requires DBE, but we cannot find vendors that are DBE to provide for this bid.

Best,

**Shayna Agosta**

*Bids & Contract Coordinator*



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**To:** Reyes, Elva (DTPW) <[Elva.Reyes@miamidade.gov](mailto:Elva.Reyes@miamidade.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Bryan (DTPW) <[Bryan.Rodriguez3@miamidade.gov](mailto:Bryan.Rodriguez3@miamidade.gov)>; Fernandez, Katherine (DTPW) <[Katherine.Fernandez@miamidade.gov](mailto:Katherine.Fernandez@miamidade.gov)>  
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**From:** Reyes, Elva (DTPW) <[Elva.Reyes@miamidade.gov](mailto:Elva.Reyes@miamidade.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:41 AM  
**To:** Shayna Agosta <[sagosta@nwmcc.com](mailto:sagosta@nwmcc.com)>  
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Bryan (DTPW) <[Bryan.Rodriguez3@miamidade.gov](mailto:Bryan.Rodriguez3@miamidade.gov)>; Fernandez, Katherine (DTPW) <[Katherine.Fernandez@miamidade.gov](mailto:Katherine.Fernandez@miamidade.gov)>  
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This message came from outside your organization.

Good morning,

We don't have any DBE list. Please, can you clarify your question?

Thanks

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**From:** Rodriguez, Bryan (DTPW) <bryan.rodriguez3@miamidade.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 10:26 AM  
**To:** Reyes, Elva (DTPW) <Elva.Reyes@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: DBE for Miami-Dade County RPQ-20250043 - Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning - 2025 Hurricane Season  
**Importance:** High

Please see below

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**From:** Shayna Agosta <sagosta@nwmcc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:09 AM  
**To:** Rodriguez, Bryan (DTPW) <bryan.rodriguez3@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** DBE for Miami-Dade County RPQ-20250043 - Emergency Response for Storm Drain Cleaning - 2025 Hurricane Season  
**Importance:** High

**EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE**

Good morning,

Do you have a DBE list? We cannot find one anywhere and I have done the below and nothing shows up for the work we perform.

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NAICS Codes

Enter minimum 3 characters.

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☒ Search for vendors that have ANY of the selected NAICS qualifications.

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Available Work Locations

● FDOT map of FL Districts and Counties

Available Statewide

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District

ALL

District - 01

District - 02

District - 03

District - 04

County

ALL

ALACHUA

BAKER

BAY

BRADFORD

Physical Location of Vendor

Out of State

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District

ALL

District - 01

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County

ALL

ALACHUA

BAKER

BAY

BRADFORD

City (Enter a single city name)

UCP Certification Information

Certifying UCP Member

ALL

Certifying Area

ALL

Best,

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