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ADVERTISED RFQ #0809-47
PREPARED DATE: July 11, 2008

SUMMARY

FEASIBILITY EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE CONSOLIDATION OF WATER UTILITIES IN SOUTHERN WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) is accepting qualifications for an independent analysis of potential opportunities for more efficient, consistent and sustainable regional water resource management through possible utility consolidation strategies. The study will be conducted for the Western Regional Water Commission ("WRWC"), a Joint Powers Authority created pursuant to Chapter 531, Statutes of Nevada 2007, and cooperative agreement. The analysis shall evaluate whether efficiencies (economic, financial, operational, facility management, resource management, customer service, or others) can be achieved by adopting or implementing alternate regional utility service models. These models could include full or partial consolidation, merger, or joint management structures among the retail, wholesale and reclaimed water purveyors, wastewater treatment providers, and wastewater and stormwater management providers within the Truckee Meadows area.

RFP DOCUMENTS may be obtained TMWA's WEB-SITE: All addenda are posted on the web-site. It is each Proposer's responsibility to ensure that they have received all addenda prior to submission of their proposal. The web site is located at [http://www.tmh2o.com/about us/doingbusinesswithtmwa/](http://www.tmh2o.com/about_us/doingbusinesswithtmwa/).

QUESTIONS will be accepted by Mark Foree at (775) 834-8009 or Jim Smitherman at (775) 954-4657.

SEALED PROPOSALS must be submitted to TMWA by mail to P.O. Box 30013, Reno, Nevada 89520-3013 or in person to 1355 Capital Boulevard, Reno, NV 89502, and whether submitted by mail or in person must be **RECEIVED BY TMWA NOT LATER THAN 12:00 P.M. ON August 6th, 2008**. Proposals received after the date and time set for receipt will be **REJECTED**.

AWARD is expected to be made by the Western Regional Water commission based on a recommendation by the evaluation committee in the Fall of this year.

PRICES must not be included in the proposal. The contract that result from this proposal process will be negotiated with the firm most qualified.

ESTIMATED PROJECT START is anticipated sometime in January 2009.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE is anticipated on or before December 31, 2009.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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City of Reno–Wastewater collection & treatment, reclaim, flood control/storm drainage

City of Sparks–Wastewater collection & treatment, reclaim, flood control/storm drainage

Washoe County–Groundwater treatment, water distribution, wastewater collection & treatment, reclaim, flood control/storm drainage

Truckee Meadows Water Authority-Surface and groundwater treatment, retail and wholesale water distribution, raw water irrigation, hydroelectric generation

Sun Valley GID-Water distribution, wastewater collection

South Truckee Meadows GID-Water distribution

The goal is to determine whether opportunities exist to achieve regional improvements by employing various consolidation models or organizational methodologies in order to streamline processes, improve efficiencies, reduce competition, level or minimize costs, minimize rates and facility charges, optimize timing of facility expansion/construction, reduce manpower and other such regional benefits.

The evaluation must include operational benchmarking of the service providers and an analysis of potential constraints on these models, such as bonding and financing limitations or impairments; increased rates to certain groups; increased facility needs and/or costs to be borne by certain groups to the benefit of other groups; additional rehabilitation or replacement requirements; increased legal, environmental or regulatory risk; loss of flexibility; increased costs due to severance or buyout packages.

Deliverables shall include assessment of the feasibility or infeasibility of different models, and recommendations for further in-depth analysis of one or more preferred alternatives.

Interested parties shall submit 10 copies of the following by noon on August 6, 2008:

- Qualifications information pertinent to the feasibility study listed above (limited to 10 pages)
- Examples of at least 3 similar projects that have been completed including project cost, schedule and references (limited to 10 pages)
- Brief discussion of project approach (limited to 5 pages)

A short list of qualified firms will be selected to submit proposals and interview for the job.

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