## INVITATION TO FURNISH MEMBRANE FILTRATION SYSTEM

The Greater Texoma Utility Authority, on behalf of the City of Sherman, Texas, hereinafter called the Owner, is requesting proposals to furnish and deliver the following equipment:

## MEMBRANE FILTRATION SYSTEM

Sealed Proposals addressed to Brian Fuerst, CH2M HILL, 12750 Merit Drive, Suite 1100, Dallas, TX 75251, will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Only the following manufacturers have been prequalified and are eligible to submit Proposals:

- 1. Pall Corporation, East Hills, NY.
- 2. GE Water & Process Technologies, Oakville, Ontario.
- 3. Wigen Water Technologies, Chaska, MN.
- 4. H2O Innovations, Quebec City, Quebec.
- 5. Tonka Water, Plymouth, MN.

Each Proposal must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check drawn on a bank which is insured by the FDIC, or Proposal Bond issued by a Surety authorized to issue such bonds in the State of Texas, executed on the prescribed form payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 10 percent of the proposal amount.

The successful Proposer will be required to furnish an additional bond for the faithful performance of the Contract, as prescribed in the Contract Documents. Complete descriptive literature, as required by the Contract Documents, shall be submitted with the Proposal for review and evaluation.

Proposals, including but not limited to prices quoted, shall remain firm for a period of 180 days, and include delivery f.o.b., freight paid by the Proposer to the jobsite. The water treatment plant site is located in the City of Sherman.

The right is reserved to reject any Proposal not conforming to the intent of the Contract Document. The right also is reserved to reject all Proposals. The right is further reserved to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time not to exceed 70 days from the Proposal due date. The Owner, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to select the Proposal most beneficial to the City.

Compensation for shop drawings, which account for 15 percent of the Contract value, shall be available following final acceptance by Engineer. All other payment of this contract is conditioned upon the receipt of bond proceeds from the Texas Water Development Board. There are no other funds available for payment of the Membrane Filtration System equipment. The Greater Texoma Utility Authority hereby disclaims any responsibility for the ultimate outcome of the attempted bond issue with the Texas Water Development Board. No equipment shall be fabricated until the bond sales are final, which is anticipated in November 2015.

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## TWDB's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) Requirements:

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract.

Equal opportunity in employment – All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy," which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

	MBE	WBE	
Construction	12.94%	8.72%	(al., 10)
Equipment	7.12%	5.39%	
Services	10.84%	5.72%	
Supplies	9.68%	9.34%	

For information regarding this Request for Proposals, contact Brian Fuerst, CH2M HILL at 972-663-2276.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2015.

City of Sherman, Texas

Greater Texoma Utility Authority on behalf of the

By <u>Drew Satterwhite, P.E.</u> General Manager

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