

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
BIG SISTER CREEK WATER RESOURCE RECOVER FACILITY
EFFLUENT SYSTEM UPGRADES
ENGINEERING SERVICES
File No. 2.3.2.BSCWRRF Effluent

PRE CONSTRUCTION MEETING CLARIFICATION

JULY 14, 2026

The following are the Erie County Division of Sewerage Management's (DSM's) formal responses to questions raised during the optional pre-proposal meeting held online at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026 for the Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility Effluent System Upgrades Request for Proposals (RFP). This information is provided to those who have formally requested responses, for use at their discretion, to develop respective proposals.

- (1.) **The July 2023 “ECSD No. 2 – Big Sister Creek WRRF Incremental Capacity Increase Evaluation” memorandum indicated the improvements associated with the UV system would be raising the ballasts out of the channel, while the June 2022 “Big Sister Creek Water Resource Recovery Facility UV Disinfection System Improvements – Concept Alternatives Report” included other alternatives. Is raising the ballasts the only approach for the UV system that is to be pursued?**

Response: No. As part of this project, the selected consultant will review all available information and reports and ultimately develop their own recommendation.

- (2.) **Is the application to the NYSDEC for a modified SPDES permit part of the consultant's scope, or will Erie County submit the application?**

Response: Erie County will submit the application for the modified SPDES permit. The consultant will prepare a supporting memorandum as part of their scope of services.

- (3.) **If consultants are expected to review and develop their own recommendations for the UV system, how will that affect comparing proposals, given that the level of design effort varies depending on the option selected?**

Response: To allow a fair comparison, consultants shall base their proposals on the alternative from the June 2022 report that is expected to result in the highest cost for engineering services (either Alternative 2 or Alternative 3, with no specific manufacturer selected). Consultants should identify which alternative they used in preparing their proposals. Engineering costs may be adjusted later if a different UV

technology is ultimately selected. For clarity, the final UV alternative will be determined during the project.

- (4.) **The potential capacity increase for the Big Sister Creek WRRF requires NYSDEC approval of a SPDES permit modification. Should consultants assume this capacity will be approved?**

Response: The design will require NYSDEC approval. The County anticipates that review of the SPDES permit modification will be lengthy; therefore, construction is expected to proceed ahead of permit changes.

The Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, Division of Sewerage Management (DSM) would like to thank you for your interest in this very important project.

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END OF CLARIFICATION