

January 4, 2017

All Prospective General Contractors

**RE: CONTRACTOR INFORMATION SESSION ON THE LICK RUN VALLEY CONVEYANCE SYSTEM (VCS) PROJECT**

Dear Prospective Bidders:

The Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) plans to solicit construction bids in March 2017 with a bid award in April/May 2017 for the Lick Run Valley Conveyance System (VCS) project in South Fairmount (known publicly as the Lick Run Greenway).

All general contractors are invited to attend an open information session to learn more about the project. A separate information session for disadvantaged businesses will be scheduled soon on another date in February.

### Meeting Location and Time

- **Project Overview**

When: 10 a.m. – Noon, Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017

Where: MSD's Wastewater Engineering and Educational Center  
1035 Woodrow Street, Cincinnati, OH 45204, Rooms 209/210

- **Project Site Tour (weather dependent)**

When: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017

Where: Parking lot of Family Dollar store, 1521 Queen City Avenue

### Meeting Agenda

This meeting will include a detailed overview of the project and key features, a review of the construction schedule in order to comply with Consent Decree milestone requirements, and an overview of the unique provisions of the construction contract. Depending on weather conditions, MSD and/or representatives from MWH Stantec (program manager) may conduct a brief project site tour.



## Contracting Approach

Strand Associates is the design engineer and MWH-Stantec is the construction manager for the Lick Run VCS project. The VCS will be bid and constructed as a single project. The current opinion of probable construction cost is approximately \$105 M. The project schedule is planned as follows:

Bid Advertisement	March 1, 2017
Bid Opening	April 28, 2017
Notice to Proceed	June 9, 2017
Consent Decree Substantial Completion	December 30, 2018
Construction Substantial Completion	October 15, 2019
Establishment Period Year One	October 15, 2020
Establishment Period Year Two	October 15, 2021
Final Completion	November 15, 2021

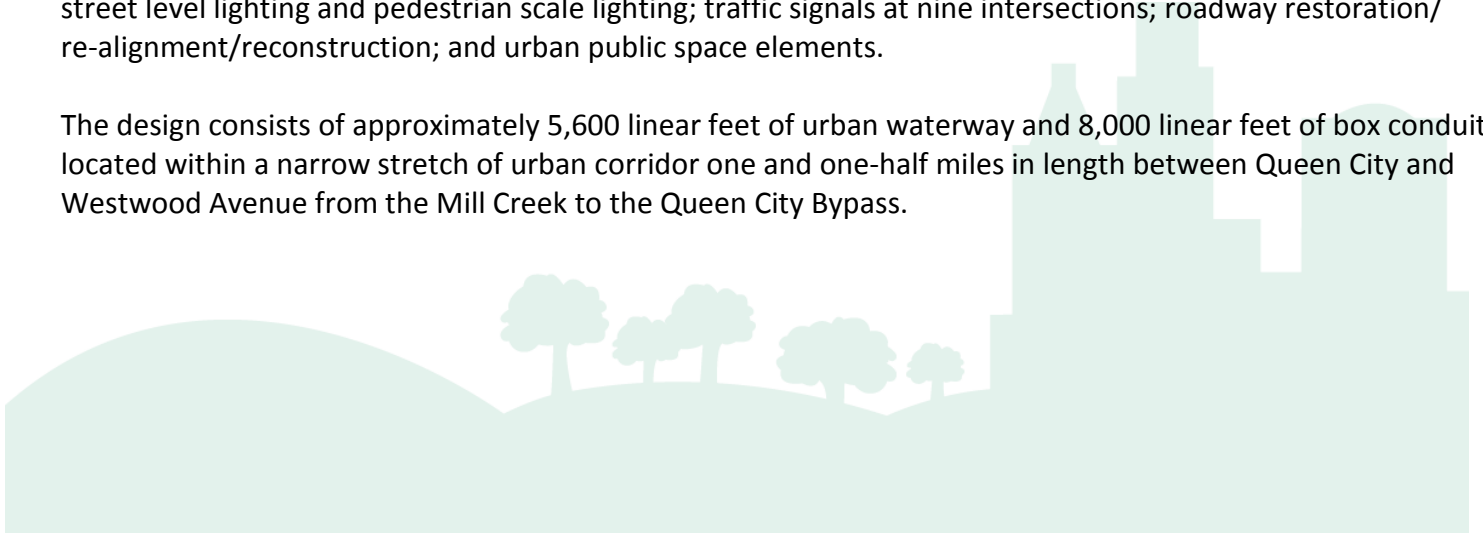
The VCS project will have U.S. EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Funds (WPCLF) and will be subject to the U.S. EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Utilization Program. The anticipated DBE contracting goals for the VCS project will be 3.8% MBE and 2.8% WBE participation. Additionally, due to the funding source, contractors shall be required to adhere to the American Iron and Steel (AIS) act.

## Project Background

The Lick Run VCS project is one of 12 sewer separation projects within the Lick Run watershed that are part of the combined sewer overflow (CSO) reduction strategy for CSO 005 into the Mill Creek. This project will comply with the City of Cincinnati's and Hamilton County's Consent Decree Phase 1 Wet Weather Improvement Plan (WWIP) requirements to reduce overflow volume that annually discharges from combined sewers within the Lower Mill Creek Valley. The Lick Run VCS is part of the Lower Mill Creek Partial Remedy (LMCPR). The LMCPR includes a variety of projects and strategies that are designed to meet the regulatory requirements for annual CSO volume reduction by the end of 2018. As one of MSD's largest basins, CSO 005 is a major focus of Phase 1 of the WWIP.

The VCS will be an urban waterway in the heart of the South Fairmount neighborhood that will convey storm water and natural drainage to Mill Creek. The major features of the project consist of: a flood channel; hybrid urban waterway and box conduit; forebay; utility relocations; vehicular bridges at Harrison Avenue, Grand Avenue, Kebler Street, Van Hart Street, and Quebec Road; one pedestrian bridge; retaining walls; street level lighting and pedestrian scale lighting; traffic signals at nine intersections; roadway restoration/re-alignment/reconstruction; and urban public space elements.

The design consists of approximately 5,600 linear feet of urban waterway and 8,000 linear feet of box conduit located within a narrow stretch of urban corridor one and one-half miles in length between Queen City and Westwood Avenue from the Mill Creek to the Queen City Bypass.



### Project Background (continued)

The urban waterway will include an aboveground, engineered channel that will mimic a natural channel and will be interspersed with water quality features such as rain gardens and a retention pond.

For additional information about the project, please visit the [Lick Run Project website](#) and click on Lick Run Greenway under Quick Links.

### RSVP and Additional Information

If you plan to attend this meeting, please RSVP by Noon on Wednesday, January. 25, 2017 to Teresa Brandenburg at [Teresa.Brandenburg@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Teresa.Brandenburg@cincinnati-oh.gov). Due to space constraints, we request that an individual company limit the number of attendees to no more than three (3) individuals.

We hope you can attend to learn more about this project and its unique construction components.

Sincerely,



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