



**\*\*\*\*REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RELATED TO LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT\*\*\*\***

**City of Fond du Lac Water Utility – Private Lead Service Line Replacement (PLSL) project background:**

The City of Fond du Lac Water Utility is seeking qualifications from licensed plumbers/utility contractors who are interested in performing PLSL replacement work. The City was awarded funds by the WDNR through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) in order to eliminate PLSL serving a single family home, a multifamily building, a preK-12 school, or a licensed infant/children day care facility. Commercial properties that contain both business and residential occupants are also included. Licensed plumbers/utility contractors providing appropriate responses to the RFQ will be placed on a PLSL certified plumbers list. Owners of properties eligible for PLSL replacement will be able to contract directly with a licensed certified plumber/utility contractor, and once work is completed, eligible costs (amount yet to be determined) are able to have a portion paid directly by the Utility, with the homeowner to be responsible for the rest.

**PLSL replacement project goals:**

The goal is to eliminate the health hazards associated with PLSL identified with City Capital Improvement Projects and necessary emergency repairs. In connection with the City of Fond du Lac's 2021 Capital Improvement Projects, we have identified approximately 60-70 properties where the private water service is constructed of lead pipe, and we anticipate an additional 25 properties affected by emergency situations.

For the purposes of the SDWLP program, private lead service line replacement means, "the replacement of the existing lead service line between the curb stop and the water meter within the structure. Chapter SPS 381.01(282) defines "Water service" as "that portion of a water supply system from the water main or private water supply to the building control valve."

Through the municipality, the SDWLP private Lead Service Line Program will provide for payment of a portion of eligible costs for a property owner to replace a private lead service line. Typical costs that are eligible for reimbursement might include the cost of excavation, materials, labor, backfill, and restoration. No-dig methods of pipe installation might also be considered as a typical cost. Non-typical costs at a property may be allowed pending review and approval by the municipality and the SDWLP private Lead Service Line Program. A non-typical cost might include the cost of rerouting the private portion of the lead service line to a more acceptable location within a structure when it results in an overall cost saving, or foundation damage resulting from replacing the water service.

**City of Fond du Lac project schedule:**

Deadline for proposal of this RFQ: March 26, 2021

Deadline for issuing project certification list: March 31, 2021

Deadline in which the municipality wishes to have PLSL work initiated: April 1, 2021

Deadline in which the municipality wishes to have work completed: December 31, 2021

**Project Funding Requirements:**

Based upon the SDWLP private Lead Service Line Program guidelines, The City of Fond du Lac is authorized to reimburse the contractor for a portion (yet to be determined) of eligible costs when a licensed plumber/utility contractor is contracted directly by the property owner. In order to comply with the SDWLP funding requirements, Fond du Lac will require that the certified licensed plumbers perform the work in accordance with the following:

- Work to be performed by a licensed plumber under section SPS 305.90 Wis. Adm. Code or utility contractor under section SPS305.97 Wis. Adm. Code;
- Work to be performed in accordance with the plumbing code requirements found in Wis. Adm. Code SPS Chapters 381-391;
- Work to be performed as required by all applicable OSHA requirements/standard;
- Adequate financial records shall be established and maintained in accordance with the municipal SDWLP Financial Assistance Agreement;
- Fond du Lac will determine the submittal requirements necessary for the licensed plumber/utility contractor to document the lead service line replacement at each address where work was performed;
- The City of Fond du Lac encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women Business Enterprises (WBEs), and Small Business in Rural Areas (SBRAs) to submit bid proposals.
- All bidders on the project shall certify to the following: “All materials used in the project are in full compliance with the American Iron and Steel Requirement as mandated in EPA’s State Revolving Fund programs.”
- If the property is owned by a business, federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts standards may apply to that parcel’s private LSL replacement project.
  - The successful bidder will be required to conform to the wage requirements prescribed by the federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts which requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and sub-contractors performing on contracts funded in whole or in part with federal funds in excess of \$2,0000 pay their laborers and mechanics not less than the prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, for corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on similar projects in the area.
  - Any subcontractors will be required to comply with the same wage determinations.

Minimum RFQ Information Requirements:

Licensed plumbers/utility contractors interested in performing being added to a list of qualified plumbers for homeowners to contract with for lead service line replacements should submit a response to the RFQ by including (at minimum) the following information:

- a) Name/address of plumbing/utility contractor business;
- b) Name of plumbing business owner and/or registered agent;
- c) Number of employees that are **not** owners of the business
- d) Utility contractor/plumbing license #s;
- e) Notarized signature of the Officer/Owner of the business

RFQ submission form can be found online at [www.fdl.wi.gov/bids.iml](http://www.fdl.wi.gov/bids.iml) or by contacting either individual below.

Send submissions to:  
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