

Clean Water Construction Grant Program: Resources for Contractors and Subcontractors

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The District of Columbia's Clean Water Construction program funds the design and construction of voluntary projects that contribute to improving the District's streams and rivers. The Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) is responsible for ensuring that all Clean Water Construction projects be contracted and constructed in accordance with the requirements of the *Federal Requirements and Contract Provisions for Work under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, As Amended for US Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 2023 Edition*, (Federal Insert).

The Federal Insert requires specific activities to be performed for any Clean Water Construction project. This summary is provided to assist the bidder or contractor during review of the Federal Insert.

What must be submitted with the Bid/Application?

- Certification Regarding Lobbying: The form is provided in each solicitation.
- DBE outreach: Applicants must contact Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) to alert them to subcontracting opportunities generated by this project, give them adequate time to submit a bid, document these efforts, and submit the documentation with their bids.
- Bid bond

What documents must be submitted during the project?

- Proof of procurement of Performance and Payment Bonds.
- Copies of all solicitations, contracts, change orders, and contract modifications.
- DBE outreach: documentation of DBE outreach efforts to any subcontractors added during the project.
- Weekly certified *construction* payrolls (one per performing contractor/subcontractor).
- Two-week look-ahead: a schedule of daily tasks in the upcoming two-week period, noting which subcontractors, if any, will be on-site each day **construction only**.
- Invoices: invoices detailing time & materials; description of work performed; performing subcontractors' back-up identifying tasks performed, amount billed, contact information, and MBE/WBE status; and a ledger of all expenditures and payments received.

What postings/documents are required to be posted at construction sites during the period of work?

- Permits, as applicable
- Davis-Bacon Wage Rate Determination
- Clean Water Construction project sign.
- Equal Opportunity Posting (post in English and Spanish)
<https://www.eeoc.gov/employers/eo-law-poster>
- Approved construction plans and specifications, as applicable (present, not posted)

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Will EPA or DOEE inspect the site to verify all requirements have been met?

Yes. DOEE will generally perform the inspections for EPA, photo-documenting site compliance. DOEE will interview workers to verify Davis-Bacon Wage compliance. For this reason, it is imperative that the DOEE staff be included on two-week look-ahead distributions and the scheduling of site visits throughout the project period.

For more information about the Clean Water Construction Program go to:
<https://doee.dc.gov/service/cwc>.