



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

To: Stormwater Management Commission
From: Kurt Woolford, Executive Director
Ernesto Huaracha, Water Resource Professional
Date: April 28, 2026
Re: SOI- Selected Eight Firms for DCEO-STOCIP Regional Stormwater Infrastructure Engineering Projects

RE: Informational

SMC staff submitted for Public Notice a Statement of Interest (SOI) SMC-2026002 package on January 7, 2026, seeking qualifications from consultants and/or firms interested in providing project-specific engineering design and construction management services and related technical services to support SMC staff in completing projects within the SMC DCEO-STOCIP program. SOI submittals were due by February 6, 2026.

It was identified in the SOI that SMC anticipates funding through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to complete multiple regional stormwater management projects throughout Lake County, Illinois. The SOI noted inclusion in the pool is not a guarantee of any specific project award, but SMC intends to award project-specific engineering/design and construction management contracts from use of a pool of qualified firms established from the SOI submittals received.

A total of twenty-six (26) firms registered for this SOI via the Lake County Purchasing Portal. A total of thirteen (13) firms provided qualification submittals per the SOI public notice deadline.

The Evaluation Committee reviewed submissions in accordance with the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act (50 ILCS 510/).

At this time the Evaluation Committee has currently determined a pool of the top 8 qualified firms. The following 8 firms are in this pool. The firms are listed in alphabetical order:

- Atwell, LLC
- Baxter & Woodman, Inc.
- Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
- Ciorba Group, Inc.
- Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc.
- Hey and Associates, Inc.
- HR Green, Inc.
- V3 Companies, Ltd.

The term of this pool will be from May 7, 2026, to May 7, 2028, extension options will be reviewed based on grant project(s) needs and funding through DCEO.

Staff will be coming back to a future SMC meeting to award contracts for specific DCEO capital projects to firms in this pool.