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City of Cincinnati Boosting Job Opportunities for Local Residents

Water, Sewer, Stormwater to Provide Training for Contractors, Low Income Residents

Cincinnati, OH – The City of Cincinnati’s water, sewer and stormwater departments are teaming up to jump start a city initiative to create more job opportunities for low income residents in Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

In April, the City of Cincinnati implemented an ordinance requiring contractors placing bids for water, sewer and stormwater contracts totaling \$400,000 or more to hire local workers to perform 30-to-40 percent of the project work of which 20 percent must be disadvantaged workers.

Under the Local Hiring Contract Requirements, contractors that perform work for Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW), the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSD) and Stormwater Management Utility (SMU) must hire a local resident living in Cincinnati or Hamilton County whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the median family income as determined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“As a community partner, our goal is to improve the quality of life of the residents we serve,” said Tony Parrott, MSD’s Executive Director. “That means providing quality drinking water, cleaner streams, improved public health and creating job opportunities to reduce local unemployment levels.”

Training to educate contractors about the new Local Hiring Contract Requirements will be held at the Metropolitan Sewer District’s Administration Building, located at 1081 Woodrow, on **Tuesday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m.** In addition, an apprenticeship program has been established to help prepare local residents for future construction related jobs.

“This program will give residents an opportunity to learn and develop new skills,” added Parrott. “Our goal is to sustain 600 jobs annually over the next five years.”

Residents interested in joining the apprenticeship program can call the **Metropolitan Sewer District** at **513-244-1300**.

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