

April 6, 2026

Honorable Board of Water Commissioners
Detroit Water and Sewerage Department
735 Randolph Street
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT - CHANDLER PARK
RFB # 542476/Project # WS-755
**BID PROTEST OF LGC GLOBAL, INC., MANAGING VENTURER
AND ON BEHALF OF LGC-DETROIT GROUNDS CREW, JV**

Dear Board of Water Commissioners:

LGC Global, Inc., managing venturer and on behalf of LGC-Detroit Grounds Crew, JV (“LGC”), respectfully protests the March 30, 2026 Official Bid Tab and notice of intent to award the contract on the referenced RFB # 542476 to DMC Consultants, Inc. (Ex. A.) More specifically, and as discussed further below, LGC protests the omission of the mandated six-percent equalization credit to the calculation of the Equalized Bid Total for LGC’s bid. But for that omission, LGC’s equalized bid would be lowest, and LGC would be in line for award.

BACKGROUND

LGC Global, Inc. is a Detroit Based Business (DB), a Detroit Headquartered Business (DHB), a Detroit Resident Business (DRB), and a Minority Owned Business Enterprise (MBE). (Exs. B & C.) Similarly, Detroit Grounds Crew LLC is a DB, DHB, DRB, and MBE. It also is a Detroit Based Small Business (DBSB). (Exs. D & E.)

In response to RFB # 542476, LGC Global, Inc. and Detroit Grounds Crew LLC entered a Joint Venture Agreement (Ex. F), which they duly uploaded to [Oracle](#) as part of their RFQ packet. They received confirmation of their entry (Ex. G), and the Detroit Business Opportunity Manager confirmed that the Joint Venture certification was approved for this RFB. (Ex. H).



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LGC included the Joint Venture Agreement along with all required certifications and other documents as part of its bid in response to the RFB. As required, it included Qualifications Statements for each Joint Venturer (See Exs. I & J), and each confirmed that the bid was being submitted as a Joint Venture. Thus:

1.02 Provide information on the Business’s organizational structure:

Form of Business: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture comprised of the following companies:	
1.	LGC Global, Inc.
2.	Detroit Grounds Crew, LLC
3.	
Provide a separate Qualification Statement for each Joint Venturer.	
Date Business was formed: 10/03/2003	State in which Business was formed: Michigan
Is this Business currently certified by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and authorized to operate in the State of Michigan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EJCDC C-451, Qualifications Statement.

Under Section 7.6.3 of DWSD’s Procurement Policy, analysis of the bids on this procurement was required to incorporate Equalization Credits in accordance with the following schedule:

7.6.3. **Equalization Credits.** For purposes of evaluating bids, proposals and responses, an equalization credit will be awarded to Certified Detroit Businesses that respond to a solicitation, as follows:

	Bids/Proposals >\$25,000, <\$1 million	Bids/Proposals ≥\$1 million
Detroit Headquartered Business (DHB)	2%	1%
Detroit Based Business (DBB)	1%	0.5%
Detroit Based Small Business (DBSB)	2%	1%
Detroit Based Micro Business (DBMB)	2%	1%
Detroit Resident Business (DRB)	3%	2%
Joint Venture	9%	6%
Mentor Venture	8%	5%

With some limitations, DWSD’s policy also calls for “stacking” of equalization credits. So, for example, the bid of a DRB would receive 1% equalization credit for that condition. And if the same DRB also is part of a joint venture for the procurement, the bid would receive an additional 6% equalization credits. Section 7.6.4.5 states:



7.6.4.5. **Multiple Credits.** A bidder or proposer is entitled to receive multiple credits in their bid or proposal in accordance with the chart contained in Section 7.6.3 provided that a bidder or proposer cannot claim credits both as a Joint Venture and a Mentor Venture, and cannot claim credits both as a Detroit Headquartered and Detroit-Based Businesses.

Article 22 of the RFB incorporates four of the seven possible equalization credits from the above policy into this procurement.¹ And the Official Bid Tab (Ex. A) shows that LGC’s bid did receive a DHB (sic) and a DRB credit, but it did not receive the additional Joint Venture Credit. Thus:

Bidder	Total Bid Price	Equalization(s) Applied	Equalization Credits	Equalized Bid Total:
DMC Consultants, Inc.	\$7,969,391.31	1.0% DHB 2.0% DRB	\$79,693.91 \$159,387.83	\$7,730,309.57
Inner City Contracting LLC	\$7,960,000.00	1.0% DHB	\$79,600.00	\$7,880,400.00
Precision Pipeline LLC	\$7,963,250.00	N/A	N/A	\$7,963,250.00
Major Contracting Group	\$8,180,000.00	N/A	N/A	\$8,180,000.00
LGC Global, Inc.	\$8,449,387.00	1.0% DHB 2.0% DRB	\$84,493.87 \$168,987.74	\$8,195,905.39
Miller Pipeline LLC	\$9,107,974.64	N/A	N/A	\$9,107,974.64
Murphy Pipeline Contractors	\$9,754,610.00	N/A	N/A	\$9,754,610.00
Bidigare Contractors, Inc.	\$11,567,500.00	N/A	N/A	\$11,567,500.00
Five Star Energy Services, LLC.	\$11,713,750.00	N/A	N/A	\$11,713,750.00

LGC’s bid should have received an additional 6% joint venture credit, which equals \$506,963.22. If it had, then ***LGC’s Equalized Bid Total would have been \$7,688,942.17, and LGC – not DMC – would be the lowest equalized responsive bidder.*** Further, if the DWSD Procurement Department had applied Section 7.6.3 of the Procurement Policy, LGC also should have received an additional 1% credit (\$84,493.87) because Detroit Grounds Crew is a certified DBSB. This would result in an Equalized Bid Total of \$7,604,448.30.

Request for Relief

On March 30, 2026, LGC received written notice of DWSD’s Bid Tab and intent to award to DMC. (Ex. A.) Pursuant to Article 21.01 of the RFB, LGC “may protest the award of that contract by filing a written notice of protest with the Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) within seven (7) days of the notice of

¹ See Ex. K. Article 22 in the RFB allows credits for Detroit Based Businesses, and omits reference to the Detroit Headquartered Business credit, but that omission is inconsequential because both LGC and DMC Consultants, Inc. received the DHB credit. Even if they had both received the .5% as a DBB, the bid ordering would not have changed between them, nor would it have caused any other bid to have the lowest Equalized Bid Total.



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award.” This Notice of Protest is therefore timely submitted on April 6, 2026. As a bidder that submitted a complete and timely response to the solicitation and that is not recommended for award of a contract, LGC is eligible to protest the award of the contract to DMC. (DWSD Procurement Policy Article 7.10.)

As is shown above, the clear and convincing evidence shows that the DWSD Procurement Department erred in its calculation of the Equalized Bid Total for LGC, who otherwise would have been the successful vendor. Accordingly, the Notice of Award constitutes a breach of Article 7.6.3 of the Procurement Policy and Article 22 of the RFB, and it results in an error in the evaluation of the successful vendor (LGC).

LGC respectfully requests that the BOWC uphold this protest and award the contract to LGC, the vendor with the lowest Equalized Bid Total.

Respectfully Submitted,



Don W. Blevins

Cc: Avinash Rachmale, LGC Global, Inc.
Jignesh Madhani, LGC Global, Inc.
Aaron Smith, Detroit Grounds Crew

EXHIBIT A



DETROIT
**Water & Sewerage
Department**

Water Board Building
735 Randolph Street
Detroit, MI 48226

Customer Care: 313-267-8000
Emergencies: 313-267-7401
detroitmi.gov/dwsd

March 30, 2026

**RE: Official Bid Tab & Intent to Recommend Notice
RFB # 542476/Project # WS-755
Lead Water Service Line Replacement – Chandler Park**

The DWSD Procurement Department has completed the official bid tabulation for RFB WS-755. The official lowest equalized responsive bidder on the above mentioned contract is DMC Consultants, Inc.

DWSD intends to award the contract to DMC Consultants, Inc. upon submittal of all final required documents and approval by DWSD Director.

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EXHIBIT B



COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER
2 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 1240
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226
PHONE 313•224•4950 TTY 313•224•4960
FAX 313•224•3434
WWW.DETROITMI.GOV

November 18, 2025

LGC Global Inc.
13500 Foley St
Detroit, MI 48227

RE: DETROIT BUSINESS CERTIFICATION- APPROVAL
(Approval Date: 11/18/2025 - 11/18/2026)

Dear Applicant:

Congratulations! This letter shall serve as your notification that this office has completed its evaluation of the Certification Application and supporting documents submitted by your company.

Based upon our review it has been determined that your company meets the eligibility criteria of the Detroit Business Opportunity Program. Therefore, your company's certification status as a *Detroit Based Business, Detroit Headquartered Business, and Minority-Owned Business Enterprise Business* is effective for a period of one (1) year.

Please keep this office apprised of any changes that may affect the status of your company's certification, i.e., ownership, management, location, etc. In addition, this office may request additional information at any time to verify your continued eligibility.

Remember to visit our web page for any updates to the program, resources, events, and most current application for next year at detroitmi.gov/crio. In addition, Detroit Means Business is an initiative that is here to support Detroit Businesses as they pursue success and continue to scale. Find out more information on Detroit Means Business and get connected to more resources at: <http://detroitmeansbusiness.org>

Stay connected on how we are working daily to ensure equity and inclusion on behalf of Detroiters at <https://www.facebook.com/criodepartment>

Your continued interest in and support of the Detroit Business Opportunity Program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cara Ivy
Business Opportunity Program Coordinator
Civil Rights, Inclusive and Opportunity (CRIO)

EXHIBIT C

FY 2025 – 2026

Detroit Business Certification Program

This is to certify the business below has met all requirements set forth by the City of Detroit, Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department as

LGC Global, Inc.

**Detroit Based Business (DBB)
Detroit Headquartered Business (DHB)
Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)**

Commencing **November 18, 2025**, expiring on **November 18, 2026**



DocuSigned by:

Tenika Griggs

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**Tenika R. Griggs, Esq., Deputy Director
Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity**

**City of Detroit
Michael E. Duggan, Mayor**

EXHIBIT D



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October 16, 2025

Detroit Grounds Crew LLC
4101 Barham
Detroit, MI 48224

RE: DETROIT BUSINESS CERTIFICATION- APPROVAL
(Approval Date: 10/16/2025 - 10/16/2026)

Dear Applicant:

Congratulations! This letter shall serve as your notification that this office has completed its evaluation of the Certification Application and supporting documents submitted by your company.

Based upon our review it has been determined that your company meets the eligibility criteria of the Detroit Business Opportunity Program. Therefore, your company's certification status as a *Detroit Based Business, Detroit Headquartered Business, Detroit Small Business, Detroit Resident Based Business, and Minority-Owned Business Enterprise* is effective for a period of one (1) year.

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Sincerely,

Cara Ivy
Business Opportunity Program Coordinator
Civil Rights, Inclusive and Opportunity (CRIO)

EXHIBIT E

FY 2025 – 2026

Detroit Business Certification Program

This is to certify the business below has met all requirements set forth by the City of Detroit, Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department as

Detroit Grounds Crew LLC

**Detroit Based Business (DBB)
Detroit Headquartered Business (DHB)
Detroit Small Business (DSB)
Detroit Resident Based Business (DRB)
Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE)**

Commencing **October 16, 2025**, expiring on **October 16, 2026**



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Tenika Griggs

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**Tenika R. Griggs, Esq., Deputy Director
Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity**

**City of Detroit
Michael E. Duggan, Mayor**

EXHIBIT F



JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

The Joint Venture Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement") is entered into as of 09/08/2025, by between the following:

LGC Global Inc., a Michigan corporation with its principal place of business at **7310 Woodward Ave. Ste 500, Detroit, Michigan 48202**

(hereinafter referred to as "Entity One")

Detroit Grounds Crew, a Michigan corporation with its principal place of business at **4101 Barham, Detroit, Michigan 48224**


(hereinafter referred to as "Entity Two")

Entity One and Entity Two are collectively referred to as the "Parties", both of whom agree to be bound by this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements outlined in this Agreement, which are hereby acknowledged, Entity One and Entity Two hereby agree as follows:

- 1.) **Purpose.** The purpose of the Joint Venture shall be the following:
RFB #542476 WS-755 Lead Service Line Replacement-Chandler Park
- 2.) **Joint Venture Name.** LGC-Detroit Grounds Crew, JV is the joint venture name.
- 3.) **Managing Venturer.** LGC Global Inc. is the Managing Venturer of the Joint Venture
- 4.) **Contribution.** LGC Global Inc. will contribute 51% Detroit Work Force

LGC Global Inc. Representative

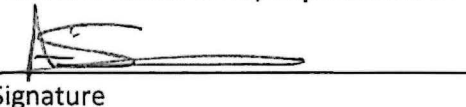


Signature

Chairman/CEO

Print Name/Title

Detroit Grounds Crew, Representative



Signature

Aaron Smith, Managing Member

Print Name/Title

EXHIBIT G

Confirmation - Joint or Mentor Venture Agreement



Smartsheet Forms <forms@app.smartsheet.com>

To Karen Haydett



Wed 2/11/2026 9:15 AM

Click here to download pictures. To help protect your privacy, Outlook prevented automatic download of some pictures in this message.



Thank you for submitting your entry. A copy is included below for your records.

Joint or Mentor Venture Agreement

RFQ Number 542476

RFQ Due Date 2026-03-06

Detroit Certified Company Yes

Certification DBB-Detroit Based Business

Address: 7310 WOODWARD AVE STE500 DETEOIT, MI 48202

Contact Name: Avinash Rachmale

Phone Number: 313-215-1669

Cell Phone: 313-215-1669

Email: avinash.rachmale@lgccorp.com

Company Name: LGC Global Inc

Company

EXHIBIT H

Inquiry



Cara Ivy <Cara.Ivy@detroitmi.gov>

To Karen Haydett

Cc Johnny Hardiman

Reply Reply All Forward

Fri 3/6/2026 1:41 PM

You replied to this message on 3/6/2026 1:43 PM.

Good afternoon Karen,

The Joint Venture certification for RFP542476WS5755 is approved, but we're waiting for signature. Who is your contact with the City for this contract?

Regards,

Cara Ivy
Detroit Business Opportunity Manager
City of Detroit
Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Two Woodward Avenue, Suite 1240
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: 313-378-4759
Email: Cara.Ivy@detroitmi.gov

EXHIBIT I

This Section C-451-Qualifications Statement will be used to evaluate the responsibility of the Bidder. Qualifications Statement shall be fully completed by the Bidder. Failure to provide the information requested in its entirety may classify the Bidder as non-responsive and be subject to disqualification. There shall be no entries left without a response. If the request does not apply, enter "N/A". Supporting information requested below shall be attached in accordance with Section C-111, Advertisement for Bid.

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.01 Provide contact information for the Business:

Legal Name of Business:	Lakeshore Global Corporation		
EIN Number:	41-211763		
Corporate Office			
Name:	Avinash Rachmale	Phone number:	313-215-1669
Title:	Chairman/CEO	Email address:	avinash.rachmale@lgccorp.com
Business address of corporate office:	7310 Woodward Ave., Ste 500, Det, MI 48202		
Local Office			
Name:	Avinash Rachmale	Phone number:	313-215-1669
Title:	Chairman/CEO	Email address:	avinash.rachmale@lgccorp.com
Business address of local office:	7310 Woodward Ave., Ste 500, Det, MI 48202		

1.02 Provide information on the Business's organizational structure:

Form of Business:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture comprised of the following companies:			
	1. LGC Global, Inc.		
	2. Detroit Grounds Crew, LLC		
	3.		
Provide a separate Qualification Statement for each Joint Venturer.			
Date Business was formed:	10/03/2003	State in which Business was formed:	Michigan
Is this Business currently certified by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and authorized to operate in the State of Michigan?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

EXHIBIT J

This Section C-451-Qualifications Statement will be used to evaluate the responsibility of the Bidder. Qualifications Statement shall be fully completed by the Bidder. Failure to provide the information requested in its entirety may classify the Bidder as non-responsive and be subject to disqualification. There shall be no entries left without a response. If the request does not apply, enter "N/A". Supporting information requested below shall be attached in accordance with Section C-111, Advertisement for Bid.

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.01 Provide contact information for the Business:

Legal Name of Business:	Detroit Grounds Crew		
EIN Number:	47-2378728		
Corporate Office			
Name:	Aaron Smith	Phone number:	313-757-2672
Title:	Managing Member & President	Email address:	aaron.smith@migroundscrew.com
Business address of corporate office:	4101 Barham		
	Detroit, MI 48224		
Local Office			
Name:		Phone number:	
Title:		Email address:	
Business address of local office:			

1.02 Provide information on the Business's organizational structure:

Form of Business:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Liability Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Venture comprised of the following companies:			
	1. LGC Global		
	2. Detroit Grounds Crew		
	3.		
Provide a separate Qualification Statement for each Joint Venturer.			
Date Business was formed:	2015	State in which Business was formed:	Michigan
Is this Business currently certified by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and authorized to operate in the State of Michigan?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EXHIBIT K

ARTICLE 21—BID PROTEST

- 21.01 A Bidder who is not recommended for award of a contract after participating in the competitive solicitation process may protest the award of that contract by filing a written notice of protest with the Board of Water Commissioners (BOWC) within seven (7) days of the notice of award. The written notice shall reference the solicitation number and the basis for the protest.
- 21.02 The BOWC shall vote to either accept or reject the bid protest within fourteen (14) days of the date the protest was filed. If the BOWC accepts the bid protest, the DWSD Director shall act in accordance with the BOWC findings. If the BOWC rejects the bid protest, the DWSD Director shall notify the protestor of that decision and their opportunity to appeal to the Detroit City Council.
- 21.03 A Bidder may appeal a denial of their bid protest to the Detroit City Council. To be valid, the appeal must be filed with the Detroit City Clerk within seven (7) days of receipt of the denial of their bid protest. The Detroit City Council, acting through its Committee on Public Health and Safety, shall decide whether to accept or reject the appeal within ten (10) days of receipt of the appeal.

ARTICLE 22—EQUALIZATION ALLOWANCE

- 22.01 Price Equalization Credits can be used to reduce the relative cost of the price component of any bids provided by the bidders responding to a competitive solicitation related to construction contracts. The relative reduction in price shall be in accordance with the percentages outlined below.

Detroit-Based Businesses, Detroit Resident Business, Joint Ventures, Mentor Ventures		
Equalization Allowance Table		
Category Amount	Equalization Percentages	
	<\$1,000,000.00	>=\$1,000,000.00
Detroit Based Business	1%	0.5%
Detroit Resident Business	3%	2%
Joint Venture	9%	6%
Mentor Venture	8%	5%

- 22.02 A Bidder is entitled to use multiple credits in their bid in accordance with the chart contained above provided that:
 - A. A Bidder cannot claim both a Joint Venture and a Mentor Venture.
 - B. In order to claim entitlement to a credit, the Bidder must submit proper documentation of their entitlement to the credit at the time the Bidder responds to the competitive

solicitation. Failure to provide documentation at the time of the bid submission shall negate any application of the equalization credits to the evaluation of the bid.

- 22.03 Price Equalization Credits will not be utilized in the award of contracts pursuant to an Invitation for Bids for the procurement of goods or where prohibited by applicable law. Federal law prohibits such equalization credits on projects utilizing federal funds.

ARTICLE 23—APPROVED CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 23.01 Approved Clearances are required for an individual, business or subcontractor seeking employment or contracts with the City of Detroit. Contractors (individuals, businesses or subcontractors) cannot be awarded a contract and are not authorized to perform services until they are in compliance with the city income tax ordinance and have acquired the accounts receivable clearance.
- 23.02 In accordance with C-800 Article 16.02, approved Clearances must be maintained by the Contractor for the duration of the contract. Failure to do so may be considered a breach of contract.

ARTICLE 24—PERMITS

- 24.01 Obtain necessary permits for construction of Work including the following:
- A. DPW City Engineering Division: Permit for Construction Activities in City's Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) – Permit to be prepared by contractor
 - B. Wayne County Dept. of Public Service - (N/A)
 - C. MDOT R.O.W - Construction Permit (N/A)
- 24.02 The Owner performed initial coordination with permitting authorities prior to construction for the permits required in the Contract and will provide permit numbers and instructions on how to acquire necessary permits. The Contractor shall coordinate with the Owner prior to retrieving permits.