

**PRIVATE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT
REQUEST FOR PLUMBER QUALIFICATIONS**

I. GENERAL

The City of Janesville is seeking qualifications from licensed plumbers or utility contractors who are interested in performing private lead water service line replacement work in the City of Janesville. The WI DNR has made funds available through the Federal Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to qualified municipalities in order to eliminate the privately-owned portion of a lead water service line serving single family homes, multifamily buildings, licensed daycare facilities and K-12 schools. Licensed plumbers or utility contractors providing appropriate responses to the RFQ will be placed on a pre-qualified list for private lead service line replacements; The City of Janesville will be paying for the cost associated with the lead service line replacement up to a maximum of \$5,000. The City of Janesville anticipates funding of approximately 100 private lead service line replacements through this program.

II. PROJECT GOAL

The goal of this program is to eliminate private lead service lines and thereby eliminate the potential health hazards associated with the lead service lines. For the purposes of the SDWLP, private lead service line replacement means, "The replacement of the existing lead water service line between the curb stop and the water meter within the structure."

Through the municipality, the SDWLP Private Lead Service Line Replacement Program will provide payment of eligible costs for a property owner to replace a private lead service line at the properties described above. Typical costs may include the cost of excavation, materials, labor, backfill and reasonable restoration. No-dig methods of pipe installation will also be considered as a typical cost. A non-typical cost might include the cost of rerouting the private portion of the water service line to a more acceptable location within a structure when it results in an overall cost savings.

III. SCHEDULE

June 5 th , 2017	RFQ's must be submitted to the City for consideration.
July 1 st , 2017	Pre-qualified contractor list will be made available to homeowners.
August 1 st , 2017	City will begin accepting applications for private service line replacement funding.

IV. PROJECT FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Based upon SDWLP lead service line replacement project guidelines, the City of Janesville will reimburse pre-approved property owners for qualified lead service line replacement costs when a prequalified licensed plumber or utility contractor is used by the property owner to complete the lead service line replacement. In order to comply with the SDWLP funding requirements, the City of Janesville will require that licensed plumber or utility contractors perform the work in accordance with the following:

1. Work is to be performed by a licensed plumber under the section SPS 305.90 Wis. Adm. Code or utility contractor under section SPS 305.97 Wis. Adm. Code.
2. Work is to be performed in accordance with the plumbing code requirements found in Wis. Adm. Code SPS Chapters 381-391.
3. Work is to be performed as required by all applicable OSHA requirements or standards.
4. Adequate financial records shall be established and maintained in accordance with the municipal SDWLP Financial Assistance Agreement.
5. The City of Janesville will pre-approve each address where lead service line replacement is proposed. The City will provide a pre-approval application.
6. Licensed plumbers or utility contractors performing lead service line replacement work will need to comply with the financial agreement requirements including the use of American Iron and Steel.
7. Certification of use of American Iron and Steel will be necessary for reimbursement of project costs as mandated in the SDWLP. Reimbursement of project costs will not be approved without UAIS certification.

V. **DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE)**

The City of Janesville encourages DBEs including MBEs and WBEs to submit proposals for the purpose of being included on the City of Janesville's list of prequalified plumbers and utility contractors for the lead service line replacement program. Plumbers or utility contractors soliciting subcontractors must also make a good faith effort to contract with subcontractors meeting the DBE requirements.

VI. **DAVIS-BACON REQUIREMENTS**

Funding for the private lead service replacement is being provided by the US-EPA and the federal government. Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements **will** apply in the following circumstances:

1. A property that is owned by a business entity (trust, LLC, etc.) and will be using a plumber or utility contractor that has employees (that are not business owners).

Davis-Bacon wage rate requirements **will not** apply in the following circumstances.

1. The property is owned by an individual or individuals and will be using a plumber or utility contractor that does have employees.
2. The property is owned by a business entity (trust, LLC, etc.) and the plumber or utility contractor completing the work is an individual or has no employees.

The City of Janesville will assist in determining property ownership and whether or not Davis-Bacon wage rates apply.

VII. **USE OF AMERICAN IRON & STEEL**

Plumbers or contractors performing private lead service line replacements will need to certify the use of American Iron & Steel as stated in the SDWLP to remain eligible for reimbursement of project costs. Reimbursement of project costs will **not** be approved without UAIS certification.

VIII. **MINIMUM RFQ INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

Licensed plumbers or utility contractors interested in performing lead service line replacements as funded by the SDWLP through the City of Janesville are required to submit a response to this RFQ by including (at a minimum) the following information. Please use form provided.

1. Name and physical address of plumbing or utility contractor business location.
2. Name of owner(s) or registered agent(s).
3. Plumber or utility contractor license number(s).
4. Number of years and months in business as a licensed plumber or utility contractor.
5. General business information: Briefly describe your plumbing or utility contracting organization, size and structure. Provide the number of years your firm has been engaged in water service line installation or repair work. How many new water service line installations and water service line replacements has your business performed in the last 3 years at: 1- single family homes; 2- multi-family homes; and 3- infant or child care facilities?
6. Submit a current certificate of insurance.

IX. **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

RFQ'S MUST HAVE A NOTARIZED SIGNATURE.

If interested, please email completed RFQ's to: bottsd@ci.janesville.wi.us

Or mail to: City of Janesville
Attn: Dave Botts
123 E Delavan Dr.
Janesville, WI 53546

RFQ's must be submitted by 11:00 am on or before June 5th, 2017.

Questions pertaining to this RFQ should be directed to: Dave Botts, Utility Director
Phone: 608-755-3116
Email: bottsd@ci.janesville.wi.us