

Thank you for your interest in providing final design services for the City of Sterling's Wastewater System Improvements Project.

Questions received by the City from firms that have expressed interest in providing final design services for the project are summarized below along with the City's responses:

1. Is a copy of the current discharge permit available?

A copy of the City of Sterling's current wastewater discharge permit is attached. (Please note that the permit expiration date has been administratively extended beyond the February 28, 2017 date indicated in the permit.)

2. What is the anticipated design project schedule?

The anticipated design schedule for the Wastewater System Improvements Project is as follows:

- Final design proposals due – August 15, 2019
- Final design firm selection – September 30, 2019
- Final design initiation – October 14, 2019
- Final design 60 percent complete – January 3, 2020
- Final design 90 percent complete – February 28, 2020
- Final design complete – March 27, 2020

3. Is there a schedule of compliance that will drive the design and construction schedule?

No! The City's discharge permit includes a compliance schedule for total inorganic nitrogen (TIN) and total dissolved solids (TDS) limits associated with discharge to the ground water. Sterling terminated ground water discharge in 2017 therefore the permit compliance schedule will not impact the project design and construction schedule.

4. Can construction be completed in 2 phases to address the headworks and force main first and then the wastewater treatment system second?

It is expected that the headworks, force main, and wastewater treatment system improvements may be completed under separate construction contracts and the construction schedules for the different contracts may vary, but it is anticipated that final design of all planned improvements will be completed simultaneously with the same schedule.

5. What steps have been completed so far in the SRLF application process?

The following steps relating to the State Revolving Fund loan application process have been completed:

- The State Revolving Fund loan application process has been initiated.
- A pre-qualification form has been submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).
- A pre-application meeting was held with representatives from the CDPHE.
- A letter has been received from the CDPHE indicating that the project meets the criteria required for initial funding eligibility.
- The Environmental and Cultural Assessments are in process and has been submitted for responses from the various agencies.

I hope this additional information is helpful.

Please note that proposals are due at the City of Sterling Municipal Building, 421 North 4th Street in Sterling by 2:00 PM Mountain Daylight Time on Thursday, August 15, 2019.