

**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION**  
**14501 Sweitzer Lane**  
**Laurel, Maryland 20707**

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**NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS**  
Timely Award of Contracts

This is to remind all Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC or Commission) contractors and potential bidders that the Contract Documents of our construction contracts clearly indicate that the Commission will execute contracts valued under \$750,000 within 60 days after the day of the bid opening. For those contracts valued at \$750,000 and greater, the Commission will normally award those in 90 days from the day of the bid opening. This time period is used to evaluate the bids for accuracy and completeness and to determine that the bidders have indicated that they are both responsive and responsible in their bid submissions.

These time periods are not absolute. WSSC has awarded many contracts in less than 60/90 days and will continue to strive to do so. It may be possible to continue to award a contract in less than 60/90 days depending upon the number of bids submitted and the completeness of the bid packages. It may take more than 60/90 days, however, if there are, for example, discrepancies or irregularities in the bids received. In these situations, it is possible that all bidders will be asked to extend their bids.

Please refer to the WSSC Information for Bidders included in the Contract Documents for the complete explanation of the process. Nothing in this Notice is intended to alter the meaning of the terms therein. This is simply a reminder of the timeframes that should be anticipated in the award of a contract. WSSC will make every effort to award all contracts in a very timely manner.

We appreciate your continued interest in assisting WSSC in meeting its contractual needs by submitting bids in response to our solicitations. If you have concerns or comments about our contracting process, please address them in writing to the Director of Acquisition, at WSSC's Acquisition Office, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Laurel, MD, 20707.

This Notice consists of this sheet only.

Thomas Laboon  
Director of Acquisition  
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