



## CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Licensed Plumber/Utility Contractors Interested in Participating in  
the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program

This RFQ is valid for the 2024-2025 calendar years LSLR program through December 1, 2025.

### PROJECT SCOPE

The City of Chippewa Falls Water Utility is seeking qualifications from licensed plumbers/utility contractors who are interested in performing lead service line replacement (LSLR) work in the City. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has made funds available through the Private Lead Service Line Replacement Program within the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to municipalities to help offset the cost of replacing the privately-owned portions of lead water service lines. For the purposes of the SDWLP program, private lead service line replacement means, "the replacement of the existing lead service line between the curb stop and the water meter within the structure."

Only licensed plumbers/utility contractors providing appropriate responses to this RFQ will be placed on a certified plumbers list to perform the LSLR work. This list will be distributed to owners of these properties who will then be able to contract directly with a licensed certified plumber/utility contractor. Once work is completed, eligible costs will be reimbursed from the City's Lead Service Line (LSL) program. The City anticipates that there will be as many as 270 that will need replacing over the coming years. The City encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), including Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs), to pre-qualify for the purpose of being included in the Project.

#### **\*\*The goal of this project is to eliminate the health hazards associated with lead lines\*\***

- Residents will receive a list of pre-qualified contractors to choose to receive quotes.
- The property owners will be contacting the contractors directly to have the work completed.
- The invoice containing eligible costs will be paid by the City. Eligible work includes the costs to replace a private-side lead service line between the curb stop and the normal connection point within the property. Also, basic restoration work such as, driveway/yard repair, directly related to a line replacement.
- Work to be performed by a licensed plumber under s. SPS 305.90, Wis. Adm. Code, or utility contractor under s. SPS 305.97, Wis. Adm. Code.
- Work to be performed in accordance with the plumbing code requirements found in Chs. SPS 381 - 391, Wis. Adm. Code.
- Davis-Bacon wage rates will apply for work on residential properties owned by a business, LLC or other circumstance.
- Davis-Bacon wage rates will not apply for work on properties owned by a private individual.
- The City encourages DBE's, including MBE's and WBE's, to submit bid proposals/apply for the purpose of being included on the City's list of prequalified plumbers for the Private Lead Service Line replacement program.
- Plumbers on a prequalified list will be required to comply and certify to the following: "All materials used in the project are in full compliance with the American Iron and Steel requirement as mandated in EPA's State Revolving Fund programs."

Eligible work under the SDWLP include the cost of excavation, materials, labor, backfill, and restoration. No-dig methods of pipe installation is preferred as a typical.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Deadline for receipt of RFQ responses .....	9:00 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2024
Issuing Project Certification List .....	May 21, 2024
Date work can start on LSL Replacements .....	May 27, 2024
Final date for installation work .....	September 12, 2025
Final date for invoice submittals and inspections .....	October 1, 2025

Request for Plumber/Contractor Qualifications Submittal Form and current Davis-Bacon wage information can be found online at [www.chippewafalls-wi.gov/LSL](http://www.chippewafalls-wi.gov/LSL)

email: [Utility@chippewafalls-wi.gov](mailto:Utility@chippewafalls-wi.gov) or call 715-726-2741 for more information.

Deliver hard-copy submission materials with signatures to:

**Chippewa Falls Utilities Business Office**  
**30 West Central Street, Room 209**  
**Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**

Electronic submission materials with signatures to:

[Utility@chippewafalls-wi.gov](mailto:Utility@chippewafalls-wi.gov)