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January 6, 2020

# The WaterHub<sup>®</sup> - Sustainable Water Management Through Reclamation and Reuse

### DISTRICT AND CAMPUS-SCALE ECO-ENGINEERED SYSTEMS







# **Q&A Will Not Be Answered Live**

# Please submit questions in the Q&A box. The presenters will respond to questions off-line.



# SUSTAINABLE WATER



What We Do:

### Turn-Key Developer -Water as a Service



Owner's Representation & Design Assist



## **Problems We Solve For:**



**Capacity Constraints** 



Resiliency Against Aging Infrastructure



Mitigate Rising Rates



Conservation Goal / KPI Attainment



# THE WATER APOCALYPSE

Water Scarcity Aging Infrastructure Environmental Pressures Rising Rates



## THE CYCLE OF DROUGHT

2019 2018 2013 2017 2014 2016 2015 "Water Managers in 40 states expect water shortages in some part of their state How will you *prepare* within the next 10 years." for recurring droughts? - US Government Accountability Office - NOAA

"Nearly one in ten watersheds are stressed. By midcentury, we expect to see less reliable surface water supplies in the United States. This is likely to create growing challenges for agriculture, electrical suppliers, and municipalities."



# FIXING A FAILING SYSTEM

"Through strategic, sustained investment, bold leadership, thoughtful planning, and careful preparation for the needs of the future, America's infrastructure will be improved and restored."

- American Society of Civil Engineers, 2017 Report Card for America's Infrastructure

## **Suggested Solutions...**

- Raise Awareness for the True Cost of Water
- Increase Costs for Water and Wastewater Services
- Develop and Harness New Technologies
- Increase Private Financing
- Implement Water Reuse & Expand Water Recycling





# HOW RATES COMPARE NATIONALLY



Water Rate / KGAL Sewer Rate / KGAL



# **CAMPUS GROWTH IS CONTAGIOUS**





# **OUR SOLUTION: THE WATERHUB®**



## Decentralized Systems for Blackwater Capture, Treatment, and Beneficial Reuse







# **UNIQUE DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

# Water Processing Agreement

**Operating Lease | DBO Agreement | Performance Contract** 



## **Benefits**

- No up-front capital
- **Innovative technologies**
- Leverages superior credit rating
- Lifecycle savings
- Long-term pricing stability
- **No O&M responsibilities**
- SW bears majority of risk







2. ENGINEERING & DESIGN



3. CONSTRUCTION



4. COMMISSIONING & START-UP



5. FACILITY OPERATIONS



# WATER PROCESSING AGREEMENT



- Utility Plant Operational Resiliency (N+1 Water Supply)
- Campus Sustainability Initiative
- Guaranteed Savings over Business-as-Usual
  - 5%-10% Typical Savings Will Provide Millions Over Contract Term
  - No Capital Investment
- Hands-Off Operations



Sustainable

Responsibility

Customer

Water

- Proper System Engineering & Design
- Construction / Development Costs & Bonds
- Facility Operational & Maintenance Cost
- Production of Compliant Reclaimed Water
- Long-term Upkeep of Plant



- Minimum Annual Purchase of <u>Compliant</u> Reclaimed Water
- Access to land, pipeline easement
- Responsibility 30-Year Agreement



# PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT DATA REQUEST

### **Client Data Request**

- <u>Water Use</u> (3 years)
  - Total campus inbound water by Month and Location
  - Chiller Plant/Cooling Tower Make-Up by Month and Location
  - Boiler Make-Up/ Power Block Usage by Month and Location
  - Irrigation by Month and Locations
- <u>Economics (</u>3 years)
  - Recent Water & Sewer Bills
- <u>Wastewater and Quality Testing</u>
  - Current Industrial Discharge Permit
  - Wastewater Influent and Effluent Quality Testing
    - Industrial and Sanitary







# THE WATERHUB® AT EMORY UNIVERSITY





CLIENT TYPE Private University

**LOCATION** Atlanta, GA

HYDRAULIC CAPACITY 440,000 GPD

**FOOTPRINT** Building: 3,500 ft<sup>2</sup> Lower Site: 3,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

COMMERCIAL OPERATION May 2015

END USES Boiler Makeup Cooling Tower Makeup Toilet Flushing

**GOALS / OUTCOMES** 40% Reduction in Potable Water 66% Decrease in Discharge

TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED

Hydroponic – MBBR Reciprocating Wetlands









# THE WATERHUB® AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

# **CAPABILITIES:**

- Up to 400K GPD and 146M GPY Capacity
- Displaces Up to 40% of Total Campus Demand
- Reduces Up to 70% of Campus Wastewater
- Displaces 90% of Utility Water Demand
- Living, Learning Laboratory





# **PERFORMANCE TO DATE**

- 95% of City Water Displaced at Cooling Towers
- Averaging 7 Million Gallons per Month Campus Wide
- 340 Million Gallons of Water Delivered since May 2015
- 99% Up-Time Reliability
- Over 5,000 tours conducted



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> - CHRISTINE MOE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL SAFE WATER, EMORY UNIVERSITY



#### **EDUCATIONAL FEATURES:**

Info / Educational Plaques & Signage Classroom & Lab Space Easy Access Water Quality Ports Public Operations Monitors

#### **NOTEWORTHY RESULTS:**

- Over 5,000 tours held since May '15
- Used in graduate thesis studies
- Centerpiece of Student Docent Program
- Integrated into core coursework

#### **RESEARCH & CURRICULUM:**

- Used in the following fields:
  - Biology
  - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)
  - Journalism
  - Chemistry
  - Law
- New Courses Introduced:
  - Water and Sanitation in Developing Countries
  - Research Methods in WASH

## THE WATERHUB – LIVING & LEARNING LAB

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# THE WATERHUB® AT PHILIP MORRIS USA





**CLIENT TYPE** Industrial Manufacturing

**LOCATION** Richmond, VA

HYDRAULIC CAPACITY 650,000 GPD

FOOTPRINT Building: 8,200 ft<sup>2</sup> Storage Tank: 1,200 ft<sup>2</sup> (24 ft. hgt. & 39 ft. dia.)

**COMMERCIAL OPERATION** August 2019

**END USES** Cooling Tower Make-Up Open-Aired Chiller Make-Up

#### **TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED**

- Hydroponic MBR
- RO Polishing

#### REUSE STORAGE TANK









# THE WATERHUB® AT PHILIP MORRIS USA







## **CAPABILITIES:**

- Up to 650K GPD and 237M GPY capacity
- 40% reduction of consumed water
- 55% reduction of wastewater discharge
- Exceed corporate KPI (25%) in water reduction
- Sustainability featured in campus tour



## **PROJECT GOALS:**

- Conserve community water resources
- Provide leadership in water sustainability
- Relieve strain on local municipal infrastructure
- Insulate operational viability & supply chain

#### The WaterHub® at PMUSA



**Central Plant** 

## WaterHub<sup>®</sup> at PMUSA Goals

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# **UPCOMING PROJECTS**







# THE WATERHUB® AT PIEDMONT





**CLIENT TYPE** Commercial Healthcare Campus

**LOCATION** Atlanta, GA

HYDRAULIC CAPACITY 250,000 GPD

**FOOTPRINT** 4,300 ft<sup>2</sup>

**COMMERCIAL OPERATION** Anticipated Fall 2022

#### GOALS

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- Resilient Utility Operations
- Water Conservation
- 75% Decrease in Discharge
- Enable Future Development

#### **TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED**

Outdoor Hydroponics Tertiary: Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Disinfection: Dual-Stage UV & Chlorine



# THE WATERHUB® AT UT AUSTIN





**CLIENT TYPE** Public University

LOCATION Austin, TX

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** District-Scale Wastewater Reclamation and Reuse

HYDRAULIC CAPACITY 1,000,000 GPD

**FOOTPRINT** 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup>

**COMMERCIAL OPERATION** Spring 2021

**END USES** Cooling Tower Make-Up Boiler Make-Up

**TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED** Hydroponics Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Reverse Osmosis



# **PROCUREMENT PROCESS AT UT AUSTIN**

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN/BUILD/OWN/OPERATE

#### The University of Texas at Austin

District-Scale Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility RFQ No.: 18UTL006

#### RFQ SUBMITTAL DUE DATE: Apr. 13, 2018

#### RFQ ISSUE DATE: March 5, 2018



Prepared By: Ken Bonin, Contract Administrator The University of Texas at Austin BFS - UEM 215 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas 78712 512-232-6296 ken.bonin@austin.utexas.edu

#### Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Glenn Hegar

#### DBOO - District-Scale Water Reclamation and Reuse Facility

Status: Closed

Solicitation ID: 18UTL006

Response Due Date: 4/13/2018

Response Due Time: 2:00 PM

Agency Number: 721

Days Solicited: 21+ Days for Solicitation Notice

Solicitation Posting Date: 3/5/2018

#### Last Modified: 4/13/2018 2:00 pm

**Solicitation Description:** The University is seeking qualified teams indicating their interest and qualifications for the design, build, own and operation of a district-scale water reclamation and reuse system. This document provides preliminary project details to solicit information related to proposed technology, system design and cost from qualified respondents. The full project details and specifications will be presented in a Request for Proposal (RFP), which will be issued to prequalified Respondents only. A pre-submittal conference will be held at the time and location described below. March 19, 2018 at 2:00 PM local time The University of Texas at Austin Utilities and Energy Management Department 215 East 24th St, PPE Rm. 3.304 Austin, Texas 78712

Class/Item Code: 90922-Building Construction, Non-Residential (Office Bldg., Etc.)

#### Attachments

#	Name	Description
1	ESBD_File_125545_DB RFQ.pdf	DBOO - RFQ
2	ESBD_File_125545_Addendum#1.pdf	Addendum#1
3	ESBD_File_125545_Exhbit H-Bldg Construction Revised 09182017.docx	HUBH
4	ESBD_File_125545_Exhbit h-Professional Services 08042017 #2.docx	HUBh



# THE WATERHUB® AT DUKE UNIVERSITY





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# **LESSONS LEARNED: GENERAL**

## Don't Underestimate Public Interest

- Tours, Program Space, Community Outreach
- 4,500 Tours at Emory University

## **Facility Design Aesthetics**

- Public access areas from Front to Back of House
- Pedestrian circulation through system
- Fully enclosed mechanical areas & better operator access

## **Data Collection & Field Investigations**

- Never "too much" operational, sampling & flow data
- Strong data collection investigations in preliminary engineering, save time and money down the road



# **LESSONS LEARNED: PROCESS**

## **Pre-Fabrication**

- Hydraulic "Sweet-spots" to more or less prefabrication
- Skids, Tanks, Operator Rooms

## **Process Resiliency**

- Equipment Redundancy (Primary screening, Influent Pumps, UV, etc.)
- Dual Process Trains
- You can't optimize what isn't measured
- WQ Sensors starting in influent wet-well

### Maintenance

- Removal & Maintenance of Influent Pumps from Wet Well
- Ability to Pump Backwards from Screen or EQ to flush influent lines
- Membrane / Filter Access, Location of Hoists

## Turn-Down

• Contingency planning for turn-down scenarios





EXTENDING THE LIFECYCLE OF WATER

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