

## Request for Proposals # 2024EHS626RFP

## Addendum # 1

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ADDENDUM DATE ADVERTISED: 7/24/2024

ORIGINAL DATE ADVERTISED:

Title: Equitable and Actionable Collaboration for OSS to Sewer Conversion

Number: Request for Proposals # 2024EHS626RFP

Due Date: No later than Aug 15, 2024, 02:00 PM

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This Addendum provides the following clarifications and additional information about the referenced solicitation.

### Questions and answers from Pre-proposal conference on 7/24/2024

- Has there been similar examples in the country that have done similar work?  
Added links:  
[Affordable Water Bills and Resilient Water Systems: Lessons on What it Will Take - US Water Alliance SE Bend Septic to Sewer Project & Advisory Committee \(Complete\) | City of Bend \(bendoregon.gov\)](#)  
<https://www.lottcleanwater.org/>  
[Activist Catherine Flowers: the poor living amid sewage is 'the final monument of the Confederacy' | US news | The Guardian](#)
- What is the outcome of this work? What would you like to see from this work?  
Synthesis of the feedback gathered during the pre-summit and summit meetings with recommendations by community, utility districts, planners, and other identified partners on the best short- and long-term solutions for equitable access to wastewater infrastructure, alignment with Growth Management, comprehensive plans, and local onsite septic code. This may include commitment and next steps to move forward.
- Can you speak to the criteria of 30 points of Centering Equity and antiracism?  
Centering equity and antiracism: • Expertise in social determinants of health, antiracist organizing and facilitation, and analysis of racially biased systems and institutional processes. • Experience with community-led decision making. • Experience working with government agencies to promote equity and antiracism. • Existing connections and relationships with King County community members and community-based organizations.
- Is the affordability the only reason for the use of septic system and not having sewers lines?  
Sewer lines need to be constructed and extended in many cases where clusters of properties are still on septic systems. Based on feedback from a spring outreach and education effort, expense and affordability are major barriers.
- Are these areas mostly houses that are rented vs owned?  
Most likely a mix of owned and rented. Also, in some areas (e.g. Skyway) businesses and other commercial buildings may still be on septic systems.

*This Addendum will be provided in alternative formats upon request.*

- Are there physical challenges and restrictions (shorelines, terrains, elevation) in the areas?  
Yes, there are elevation and other engineering challenges to sewer connections that would be helpful to identify. For example, what locations in each sewer service area will have extraordinary challenges for converting septic systems to sewer.
- Regarding the webinar, how many participants do you require?  
This will be part of the engagement plan, Task 1.

All other terms of **Request for Proposals # 2024EHS626RFP** remain unchanged.