

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Montague Center Water District (MCWD) is accepting proposals from multi-disciplinary engineering firms to provide an evaluation of alternatives for addressing the presence of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), measured in excess of regulatory limits in MCWD's groundwater source.

MCWD has been awarded \$100,000 for study and mitigation of the PFAS issue from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, under a Federal program for Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC). The proposed evaluation of alternatives is to be funded by this grant.

MCWD consists of a single groundwater source, a 63,000-gallon standpipe, and approximately 2.7 miles of water main.

The evaluation of alternatives must address at least three options for mitigating the PFAS issue:

1. Treatment of the existing groundwater supply to within regulatory limits.
2. Establishment of a new groundwater source for the MCWD (new well).
3. A permanent metered interconnection with the Turners Falls Water District and abandonment of the existing MCWD groundwater source. This alternative must include a hydraulic evaluation of the existing MCWD distribution system with recommended distribution upgrades to provide adequate fire flow throughout the MCWD service area. It is expected that there will be several recommended water main upgrade projects which should be organized in a prioritized list, with the highest priority being the greatest benefit for the cost.

For each alternative, capital, operation, and maintenance costs must be estimated and presented for consideration along with a timeline for implementation. The engineer should plan on attending at least one community meeting (virtual or in person) to discuss the plan with the public. Contact :
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Proposals retrieved from the Post Office Box below by September 12, 2025 shall be considered for award.

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In accordance with M.G.L c.30B, a notice of award will be issued to the responsive and responsible engineering firm providing the most advantageous proposal for the MCWD.