

To: All Contractors

Regarding: Contractor Safety Introduction Letter and Packet

To Whom It May Concern:

Platte River Power Authority (Platte River) and the Safety Department are pleased that you are interested in becoming pre-approved from the Safety Department for current or future work on Platte River projects. This process is intended to obtain safety related information from contractors that will help us review and evaluate your overall health and safety program. This process is designed to ensure that contractors of Platte River operate in the safest manner possible. This component of the prequalification process is solely focused on the health and safety systems of your organization.

Platte River has implemented a comprehensive contractor safety program for all of our projects. It is our expectation that each contractor provide for a safe work environment for their employees, Platte River employees and the public while demonstrating a positive and proactive safety culture.

We hope that you appreciate and share our focus on safety for our contractors and employees, and we ask that you promptly review and complete all requested information in the attached packet. Until all requested information is received and reviewed by the Safety Department and the appropriate Project Manager, contracts will not be awarded for Platte River work.

The required items include:

- **Contractor Safety Qualification Form** Fill out completely while providing all required documentation per the form that is applicable, such as:
  - o OSHA citations along with corrective measures taken over the last 5 years
  - Safety Performance Statistics per the OSHA 300 log. If the contractor is not required to maintain a 300 log, then they shall use information from their internal recordkeeping process or their insurance carrier's process.
- Any other applicable documentation as requested by Platte River or as the contractor feels is necessary.

Regards,

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# **Contractor Safety Program Overview**

- 1. A Contractor requests and / or receives a Contractor Safety Packet from Purchasing or the Project Manager.
- 2. Contractor fills out, in its entirety, the Contractor Safety Pre-Qualification Form and must provide all necessary documentation as stated on the form.
- 3. Contractor returns all documents requested in the pre-qualification form.
  - a. Pre-Qualification Form completed and signed
  - b. Support documentation for any OSHA citations within the last 5 years. What the citation was and what the contractor has done to mitigate the citation(s).
  - c. Any other items needed as identified in the pre-qualification form or that the contractor feels is necessary as well as other documentation requested by the Safety Department.
- 4. If a contractor is bidding for a project, this information can be sent in with all other information to Purchasing or the Project Manager.

## **Contractor Responsibilities**

The contractor is responsible for:

- 1. Providing all requested information regarding health and safety, training, insurance, and injury experience as part of the qualification process.
- 2. The safety of a contractor's and any associated subcontractor employees remains the primary contractor's responsibility. Each contractor and subcontractor shall designate one employee responsible (Manager, Superintendant, Supervisor, etc) for overall health and safety at each Platte River project. The following guidelines shall apply:
  - a. As a general rule, Platte River requires at least one dedicated safety professional (coordinator) for every 50 employees.
  - b. For any project that is deemed to be "high risk" by Platte River Safety and responsible Project Manager, the contractor may be requested to provide dedicated, (or if coverage already exists), *additional* health and safety coordinator(s) regardless of the amount of employees on site. Some examples of these instances could be, but not limited to; working at heights, complicated rigging or lifting, crane work, work during extended or night hours, high voltage work, confined space, excavations, etc.
  - c. Specific requirements for dedicated health and safety coordinators (if required) will be outlined in the bid documents.
- 3. Contractors are required to comply with the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA) and with all applicable state and local safety laws and regulations. Contractors are also required to comply with accepted industry practices and Platte River Safety requirements applicable to the work performed. Contractors are required to follow the most stringent requirement unless otherwise approved in writing by Platte River Safety Department.

#### **Qualification of a Contractor**

- All contractors within the scope of the contractor safety process that are interested in bidding on a current or future project(s) with Platte River must be qualified for acceptable health and safety performance by the Platte River Safety Department and Project Management.
- 2. If a contractor is qualified, they are qualified for a period of 12 months or for the length of the contract, whichever is longer.
- 3. If incidents or safety deviations occur during the course of a contract, the Safety Department and Project Manager may require a review of the contractor's safety program prior to additional work being performed for Platte River regardless of the expiration date on a previous qualification.



# **Disqualification of a Contractor**

Platte River reserves the right to disqualify any contractor for items concerning safety such as but not limited to; poor safety performance, failure to address or lack of improvement of safety concerns brought forward by Platte River Management (safety, project or general management), repeated safety violations or other unsafe acts. The contractor will be notified in writing of any concerns and will have the opportunity to correct any deficiencies. If the contractor is deemed "disqualified", the contractor will not be allowed to work on Platte River property or equipment until **all** of the following conditions are met:

- 1. A viable detailed corrective action plan is received.
- 2. Complete new submittal of all required materials is reviewed.
- 3. Approval is granted by Platte River Safety *and* Management.
- 4. Minimum of six (6) months have elapsed since the disqualification.



# **Contractor Safety Qualification Form (CSQF)**

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION						
Company Name:						
Address:		City/State:		Zip:		
Telephone #:	Fax #:			<u> </u>		
How many employees do you employ (appro	eximately): Full Time:	Part Time:	Seasonal:			
Describe the nature of business your organization typically performs for Platte River:						
Check the appropriate box or boxes for the a	reas your organization typ	ically works with o	r on:			
Power Plant Operations & Maintenance Substations Operations & Maintenance Electric Transmission O & M				) & M		
☐ Electrical Operations (low voltage)	Gas Operations & Maintenance		Other (list):			
Facility Maintenance / General						
Are you a division of a corporation? Yes No If Yes, provide name and address of parent corporation:						
Are you self-insured for Workers' Compensation Insurance?						
If no, who is your third party insurance organization	on:					
Does your company use subcontractors Yes No If yes, provide names of all your subs that will be used on Platte River projects:						
Form completed by: (Name)		Date:				
Title:	Ph:	Email:	Fax:			
SECTION 2 – HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION						
Do you have a dedicated fulltime health & safety professional within your company?						
Name / Title:	<u>Telephone Number:</u> <u>Location:</u>					
If you do not have a dedicated health & safety professional, who is responsible for health & safety within your organization?						
Name / Title: <u>Telephone Number:</u> <u>Location:</u>						
SECTION 3 - HEALTH & SAFETY PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES						
				Yes No		
Does your written Safety program cover all types of work activities which you will perform while on a Platte  No River Project? (if No, please list those programs you do not have):						
Does your SAFETY program address the following elements:						
Management commitment and expectations?						
Accountabilities and responsibilities for managers, supervisors, and employees?						
<ul> <li>Hazard recognition and control?</li> <li>Workplace Analysis?</li> </ul>						
Safety Training?  Yes No						
■ Incident reporting & investigation, including near misses?						



Does your written S&H Program contain the following programs / topics? Identify those topics that your work						
will fall under.  • Confined Space Yes	lo □ N/A • Materia	I Handling	Yes No N/A			
	N/A • Scaffold		☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A			
Fire Prevention & Protection  Yes  N  The standard of Protection of Protection  Yes  N  The standard of Protection of Protection of Protection  Yes  N  The standard of Protection of P	Yes No N/A					
Personal Protective Equipment     Yes	☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A					
Hot Work / Welding Safety     Yes   Yes	☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A					
Electrical Safety     Yes	☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A					
		ency Action Plans	☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A			
Respiratory Protection     Yes No N/A  Do you have employees trained in First Aid / AED / CPR?  Yes No Yes No						
Do you have a drug and alcohol testing policy?	Yes No					
Do you employ persons with a Commercial Driver's Licens	Yes No					
Do you hold site safety meetings?						
	What is the frequency of the meetings?					
Do you conduct health & safety inspections / audits?  If Yes, how frequent	YesNo □Yes □No					
Do you have a disciplinary action process for addressing e						
If you use subcontractors, do you use health & safety performance criteria in the selection of sub-						
contractors?						
SECTION 4 – TRAINING						
Do you perform New Employee S&H Orientation Training?	Yes No					
Do you provide the necessary and required S&H training for	Yes No					
Are employees tested for their comprehension of the traini	Yes No					
Is all S&H Training documented?  Are employees certified / qualified to operate all machinery	Yes No N/A					
Are employees certified / qualified to operate all machinery and equipment they are asked to?  SECTION 5 - JOB SAFETY ANALYSIS  Yes No N/A						
Are job observations, such as a job safety analysis (JSA) conducted?						
Are procedures for critical jobs written and reviewed with the	Yes No N/A					
	ALTH & SAFETY PERFO	RMANCE				
List your company's Workers' Compensation Experience N			ent years:			
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20 EMR 20	EMR	20	EMR			
Use your OSHA 300 log (or equivalent) to record the number of injuries and illnesses for the last three (3) years.						
YEAR	20	20	20			
Number of Fatalities						
Number of OSHA Recordable Cases						
Number of OSHA Restricted Only Cases						
Number of OSHA Lost Time Cases						
OSHA Recordable Incident Rate						
OSHA Restricted Only Incident Rate						
OSHA Lost Time Incident Rate						
Number of Labor Hours Worked						
Average Number of Employees on Your Payroll	o for coloulation the custo	NA Incident Deter"				
Use the following formulas for calculating the "OSHA Incident Rates"  Number of Recordable Cases x 200,000  Number of Restricted Only Cases x 200,000  Number of Lost Time Cases x 200,000						
Number of Hours Worked Number of Hours Worked Number of Hours Worked						
Has your company received any OSHA citations within the last five (5) years?						
If yes, attach them along with your responses or corrective actions  Signature: Title:						
Signature: Title:						