

Making Tracks



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HDR wins Central Corridor LRT Project contract for environmental services

The Metropolitan Council has awarded HDR, a firm with nearly a century of experience helping communities with civil engineering, a \$3.2 million contract to complete the final environmental impact statement by October 2008 for the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project.

A panel representing the project's partners evaluated the three proposals that were received and ranked the firms in accordance with established Council procedures for Federal Transit Administration funded projects. HDR's proposal was ranked the highest and most advantageous.

HDR's proposal has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation rate of 17 percent, meeting the 17 percent goal established by the Council's Office of Diversity.

Founded in 1917, HDR of Omaha, Neb., is an employee-owned architectural, engineering and consulting firm, with about 6,000 professionals in more than 140 locations worldwide including five offices in Minnesota.

Central Corridor LRT Project office gets permanent digs in Midway

Beginning in September, the Central Corridor LRT Project office will take up permanent residence in the Griggs-Midway Corp. building at Fairview and University avenues in the Midway area.

The project office has been sharing space temporarily with the Northstar Project office in the Ceresota Building in downtown Minneapolis.

The Metropolitan Council awarded the nearly \$2.7 million lease for seven years to Griggs-Midway because of its superior accessibility for community groups, location, layout and flexible terms. The funding sources for the lease include existing federal grants and previously authorized state bond funds.

For more information about the project, visit:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transportation/ccorridor/centralcorridor.htm>.

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