

Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 28, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for Blue Lake WWTP Digester Improvements, Project 801880.

District(s), Member(s): District 1, Katie Rodriguez; 3, Jennifer Munt; 4, Gary Van Eyll

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award and execution of a construction contract with Rice Lake Construction for their lowest responsive, responsible bid for the Blue Lake WWTP Digester Improvements project in the amount of \$274,800.

Background

The Blue Lake digester complex requires site work (drainage, seeding) improvements, construction of access structures, and modifications to equipment to use biogas to fuel boilers.

Two sealed bids were received on July 30, 2013. The lowest responsive responsible bidder was Rice Lake Construction in the amount of \$274,800. Rice Lake Construction has successfully completed several construction projects for MCES. This project will receive local funding. The proposed MCUB goal is 4%. The Office of Diversity has determined that the contractor has made good faith efforts to achieve the 4% goal.

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$163,000. The project bid over the engineer's estimate due to underestimation of the cost of constructing on the digester roof without elevator access; added complexity because the scope of work is divided among multiple construction disciplines which is more time consuming to administer; and added complexity since the scope is divided into multiple small scope items all of which require separate work outages.

Rationale

Construction bids that are less than \$1,000,000, but more than 10% above the engineer's estimate, require Council action.

Funding

2013 Authorized Capital Program, Project 801880; Currently Authorized \$1,850,000; Unencumbered Amount \$1,740,000; Requested Amount \$274,800.

Known Support / Opposition:

None.