

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 13, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 28, 2013

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**Subject:** Authorization for Sole Source Procurement of Maintenance and Repair Services for Humboldt Centrifuges

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures - Procurements of Goods and Services over \$250,000

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### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to procure sole source maintenance and repair services from Andritz Separation Inc. for the disassembly, inspection, and rebuilding of the centrifuges for an amount not to exceed \$470,000 in five years.

### **Background**

There are currently five Humboldt centrifuges in the Seneca Wastewater Treatment facilities. Three centrifuges are used to dewater and two to thicken sludge produced at the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Humboldt Company was purchased by Andritz Separation Inc.; they are the sole source supplier for this equipment.

### **Rationale**

The centrifuges are specialty machines designed specifically to dewater and thicken solids. There are no local repair shops that have the capability or technical knowledge that is required to perform this service. There are no third party manufacturers that sell the Humboldt products or provide their services. There have been no after-market suppliers of parts for this equipment identified.

### **Funding**

Maintenance Operating Budget

### **Known Support / Opposition**

None.