

Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 12, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 27, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Uniform Rental Services for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES), Contract 12P223A

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services Over \$250,000

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a 5-yr. contract to provide Uniform Rental Services for MCES staff with G & K Services, Inc., Contract 12P223A, for a total \$382,610.

Background

MCES staff involved in the collection and treatment of wastewater are provided with uniforms to maintain a professional appearance, to satisfy OSHA safety requirements, and to protect the employees from exposure to contaminated and unpleasant materials.

A formal Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued for uniform rental services, which include the supply and laundering of uniforms and lab coats. Two bids were received on February 8, 2013, ranging from \$382,610 to \$396,867. Both bidders were deemed responsive, and the lowest bidder, G & K Services, Inc., was determined to be a responsible bidder. The low bidder was required to submit samples of the uniforms in the fabric, color and sizes required in the IFB.

Rationale

Uniforms are required because the nature of the work done in Environmental Services exposes some employees to various contaminants. Other employees are exposed to the hazards of flames or electric arcs. Those employees are required to wear "Flame-Resistant" (FR) garments. Professional laundry services will be provided under this contract for all uniforms.

Funding

Capital or Operating Budget: Funding is provided from annual operating budgets of individual departments utilizing this service.

Estimated Cost: \$382,610 for a 5-year period

Requested Amount: \$382,610

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this item.