

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: February 11, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 26, 2014

**Subject:** Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for System-Wide Arc Flash Mitigation Project, MCES Project Numbers 807800,805995 and 809064, Contract Number 13P269

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

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

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Bill Cook, 651-602-1811

**Division/Department:** MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the System-Wide Arc Flash Mitigation Project, MCES Project Numbers 807800,805995 and 809064, Contract Number 13P269, to Premier Electric Corporation in the amount of \$4,650,857.00.

### Background

The project is a system-wide construction project to reduce the arc flash rating, a safety requirement, at 40 Lift Stations and Meter sites, the RMF facility and all seven wastewater treatment plant sites. Arc flash ratings are a measure of the amount of potential danger to someone operating the electrical device. The higher the rating the more personnel protective equipment and/or activities are required. This project will reduce the arc flash rating to minimize the danger to operating and maintenance staff.

Three bids were received, ranging from \$ 4,650,857 to \$7,456,545, and opened on January 29, 2014. The engineer's estimate is \$6,508,660. Premier Electric Corporation is the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

This project is funded by local funds and has a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal of 10%. The Office of Equal Opportunity has determined that Premier Electric Corporation has made a good faith effort to achieve the participation goals for this contract.

### Rationale

Construction contract awards exceeding \$2,500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

### Funding

This project is included in the 2014 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Currently Authorized: \$5,680,000.00.

Unencumbered Funds: \$5,680,000.00.

Requested Amount: \$4,650,857.00.

### Known Support / Opposition

None