

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: February 11, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 26, 2014

**Subject:** Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Miscellaneous Biofilter Rehabilitation, Contract 13P304

**District(s), Member(s):** District 3 - Jennifer Munt, District 8 – Adam Duininck, District 9 – Edward Reynoso, District 12 – Harry Melander, District 13 – Richard Kramer

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

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for miscellaneous biofilter rehabilitation, Contract 13P304 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for their bid of \$770,730.

### Background

Biofilters were installed at the locations listed below between eight and ten years ago:

- South Washington County Gravity Interceptor (Cottage Grove)
- Lift Station L65 (South St. Paul)
- Blue Lake Siphon Headhouse (Eden Prairie)
- Lift Station L42 (Anoka)
- Minneapolis Meters (Minneapolis)

Recent inspections and samples collected from the biofilters have identified the following conditions:

- Extensive weed growth in the media beds;
- Decomposition of the original wood chip media to black dirt/compost;
- Short circuiting of odorous air around the concrete wall perimeters of the beds; and
- Odorous air in the vicinity of the biofilters.

Rehabilitation of the biofilters is needed to mitigate odors at these locations.

Six bids were received on February 5, 2014, ranging from \$770,730 to \$1,171,330. The low responsive, responsible bid of \$770,730 was submitted by Geislinger and Sons, Inc. There were no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals for this project, due to lack of subcontracting opportunities.

### Rationale

Non construction contract awards exceeding \$500,000 require Council authorization

### Funding

Interceptor Operations

### Known Support / Opposition

None.