

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 9, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 24, 2014

**Subject:** Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Contract 14P041 for the Design and Construction Support for Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solids Improvements Project

**District(s), Member(s):** District 4, Gary Van Eyll; District 5, Steve Elkins; District 15, Steven Chavez;

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

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Engineering Services Contract for Design and Construction Support for the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solids Improvements Project, Contract No. 14P041 to Black and Veatch in the amount of \$3,500,000.

### Background

The Project, which has an approved Facility Plan (October 2013), includes following key elements:

1. energy-efficiency improvements for dewatering, aeration control, and lighting,
2. wet scrubber improvements to meet future Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions limits for incinerators, and
3. asset preservation work needed for continuance of existing solids processing facilities

A formal solicitation was made for the proposed engineering services contract for this work. Two proposals were received and evaluated by MCES staff. Black and Veatch's proposal was ranked higher by the evaluation panel on proposal quality. The two price proposals were nearly equal.

The project has Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) goals of 7.5% and 7.5%, respectively. Black and Veatch's proposal meets these numeric goals and has passed review by Office of Equal Opportunity.

### Rationale

Professional services contracts with an amount exceeding \$500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

### Funding

Funding is provided in the 2014 Authorized Capital program:

Currently authorized: \$6,050,000

Unencumbered funds: \$5,670,609

Requested Amount: \$3,500,000

### Known Support / Opposition

None