

Environment Committee

Meeting date: February 10, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 11th, 2015

Subject: Authorization to Implement the Upgrade to the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Fire Alarm/Mass Notification Systems

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to execute a sole source procurement contract not to exceed \$675,000 for the upgrade of the MCES Empire WWTP Fire Alarm/Mass Notification system by Simplex Grinnell.

Background

The proposed sole source procurement contract is to replace eleven (11) existing Simplex fire alarm control panels with new dual use fire alarm/notification compatible panels and integrate the entire system into a single plant-wide Class A communications loop. The existing fire alarm/mass notification control panels are no longer supported and do not meet current NFPA 72 code requirements. Utilizing the existing field devices and components makes it a cost effective measure to upgrade the system without the wholesale replacement of the entire system. This contract is a sole source procurement because Simplex Grinnell is the only source of new Simplex panels that will be compatible with existing fire alarm components and field devices.

Rationale

Procurement of Goods and Services for amounts exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding is available in the 2015 MCES Operating Budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.