### **Environment Committee**

Meeting date: May 12, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 27, 2015

Subject: Reject Existing Bids and Rebid Contract Number 14P252, North Area Interceptor

Rehabilitation Phase 5, Project Number 808650

District(s), Member(s): District 2, Lona Schreiber and District 10, Marie McCarthy

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council rejects all bids for Contract Number 14P252, North Area Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 5, Project Number 808650 and authorize rebidding this construction contract.

# **Background**

Four (4) bids, ranging from \$16,693,700 to \$26,749,118.50 were received and opened on March 12, 2015. The low bid was more than the engineer's estimate of \$14,156,962. The Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) participation goal for this contract is 6%.

Lametti and Sons had the lowest bid for this contract; however the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) has determined they did not meet the good faith efforts towards the MCUB goals. The second low bidder was \$3,625,429 greater than the lowest bidder. Staff believes that it is in the public interest to re-bid this contract in order to obtain the lowest bid that meets our MCUB goals.

#### Rationale

Rejecting bids exceeding \$2,500,000 requires Council authorization.

#### **Funding**

None

# **Known Support / Opposition**

No known opposition

