

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 22, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 14, 2015

**Subject:** Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Vactor Waste Phase 2 Project 805950, Contract 15P082A

**District(s), Member(s):** District 13, Richard Kramer

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

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to construct Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) Vactor Waste Phase 2 Project 805950, Contract 15P082A, to Rice Lake Construction Group for their low, responsive bid of \$2,658,200.

### Background

This project is the second phase of Vactor Waste Receiving (VWR) and Liquid Waste Receiving (LWR) facility upgrades at the MWWTP. Phase 1, completed in 2013, constructed a second force main for LWR to provide system redundancy. Phase 2 includes removal and replacement of the existing deteriorated asphalt grit pad that accepts vactor waste with low water content. The project also includes scum building demolition and electrical modifications. Phase 3 will consist of constructing a new facility to accept vactor waste with high water content. Completion of these projects will provide reliable, low maintenance disposal facilities for public and private haulers in the Metro region.

Two bids of \$2,658,200 and \$2,837,312 were received and opened on August 20, 2015. The engineer's estimate was \$2,037,000. The difference between the bids and the engineer's estimate is attributed to under estimation of grit pad installation work, which is not unusual for retrofit projects. Rice Lake Construction Group is the low bidder for this contract. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goals are 4% Minority Based Enterprise (MBE) and 4% Women Business Enterprise (WBE). The Office of Equal Opportunity has determined that Rice Lake has met the numeric goals for this contract.

### Rationale

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

### Funding

2015 MCES Authorized Capital Program, Project 805950

Currently Authorized: \$3,700,000

Unencumbered Funds: \$3,150,000

Requested Amount: \$2,658,200

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.