Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 12, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of January 27, 2016

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute Contract 15P209 with SKB Environmental Inc. for Transport and Disposal of Stabilized Bio-Solids

District(s), Member(s): District 13-Richard Kramer, District 4-Deb Barber, District 16-Wendy Wulff

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 Contract 15P209 with SKB Environmental Inc. for transport and disposal of stabilized bio-solids over a four-year period in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.

Background

Biosolids at Metro Plant are normally processed by incineration with energy recovery. In the event that the biosolids process capacity is reduced, the contingency plan is an alkaline stabilization process that results in a material which meets the requirements for landfill disposal.

The Empire and Blue Lake plants anaerobically digest biosolids for use as agricultural supplement. In the event that process capacity is reduced or land application not available, these biosolids meet requirements for disposal directly into a landfill.

This contract will provide a contingency disposal plan in the event of any biosolids processing interruption or unplanned down time at the Metro, Blue Lake or Empire Plants.

Bids were solicited to provide transportation and disposal services on an as-needed basis. Two bids were received and SKB Environmental Inc. was the low, responsive, responsible bidder with a bid of $30.18 per ton from the Metro Plant and $36.62 per ton from the Empire and Blue Lake plants.

Rationale

Council approval is required for procurement of goods or services valued at more than $500,000.

Funding

Funds will be available through the annual operating budget of each facility or through Contingency Reserve funding.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition