

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 28, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 12, 2018

**Subject:** Empire Polymer Contract

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract to Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro, GA to provide Clarifloc polymers at a unit price of \$0.89 per pound delivered to the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant. This contract will be for a period of two years with an option to extend for three additional one-year periods with the total procurement not to exceed \$1,000,000.

### Background

Polymer is a conditioning chemical, which aids in the removal of water while processing sludge solids on mechanical equipment such as centrifuges and belt presses. A formal, advertised Invitation for Bids was issued on December 8, 2017. Two bids were received and opened on February 1, 2018.

Following the receipt of sealed polymer bids, an evaluation process is conducted which includes a full-scale evaluation of polymer performance along with an evaluation of the bids to identify the most effective polymer at the lowest cost to the Council. At the conclusion of this process, Polydyne, Inc. was determined to be the vendor that met evaluation process requirements.

Polymer unit costs ranged from \$21-\$27 per dry ton of sludge processed. Estimated expenditures for this procurement are \$200,000 annually.

### Rationale

Council authorization is required for purchases over \$500,000.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain proper operation of the Metropolitan Disposal System which protects the region's natural resources.

### Funding

Funds are available in the treatment plant operating budget

### Known Support / Opposition

None