

Environment Committee

Meeting date: February 27, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 14, 2018

Subject: Construction Contract Award for the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solids Improvements Project

District(s), Member(s): District 4, Deb Barber; District 5, Steve Elkins; District 15, Steven Chavez;

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 a construction services contract for the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) solids improvements project, Project No. 807520, Contract No. 17P204A to Rice Lake Construction Group for their low responsive, responsible bid in the amount of \$19,212,475.

Background

The project received an approved Facility Plan in October 2013, which includes:

1. Asset Preservation: Replacing the solids building roof, cake hoppers, and solids odor control system as well as repairing the primary scum pits and mold remediation in the locker room.
2. Quality Elements: Energy-efficiency improvements for thickening, aeration control, blowers, boilers and lighting. Upgrading incineration exhaust system to meet future EPA emission limits.

Four responsive, responsible bids were received and opened on January 26, 2018. The bids ranged from \$19,212,475 to \$19,841,675.38. Rice Lake Construction Group submitted the lowest bid which was higher than the Engineer's estimate of \$17,812,157.

The project is funded by a Public Facilities Authority (PFA) loan and has Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) goals of 5% and 5%, respectively. The Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity has determined that Rice Lake Construction Group met the good faith effort goals for this contract.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This procurement supports the Thrive Outcomes for stewardship and sustainability as the work supports efforts to maintain the region's wastewater treatment system as well as invest in it so that it can be operated in an effective and efficient way.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2018 Authorized Capital program: Project 807520

Known Support / Opposition

None