Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 11, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2018

Subject: Metro and Seneca Ash Transport and Disposal 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 SKB Environmental, Inc. of St. Paul, MN to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants at a unit price of $26.18 per ton and $90.00 per hour for demurrage. This contract will be for a period of two years with an option to extend for three additional one-year periods with contract values not to exceed value amount of $2,400,000.

Background

Ash is the residual waste product remaining after solids incineration at both the Metropolitan (Metro) and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants. A formal, advertised Invitation for Bids was issued on July 13, 2018. Three bids were received and opened on August 29, 2018.

SKB Environmental is the current disposal vendor for waste incinerator ash. The SKB landfill is located in Rosemount, MN and is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Dakota County.

Total cost for this service during the term of the contract is dependent on waste ash production, which is estimated at up to 30,000 tons per year.

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 Metro and Seneca plant operating budgets.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.