

Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 26, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 10, 2019

Subject: Telecommunications Equipment Contract for the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plants

District(s), Member(s): All

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 18P156 in the amount of \$1,280,787.24 to CDW LLC for the purchase of Wi-Fi equipment, which includes access points, switches and controllers.

Background

New equipment is needed to upgrade the plant control system and integrate Wi-Fi technology. Use of Wi-Fi technology at the wastewater treatment plants is expected to improve staff's efficiency in completing daily tasks.

Two quotes for Wi-Fi equipment were received from the State of Minnesota Cooperative Procurement Venture, contract T-653(5) on February 20, 2019; \$1,280,787.24 from CDW and \$1,515,292.07 from Insight Public Sector. CDW was determined to have the lowest responsive, responsible quote.

Rationale

Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000 in value require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by efficiently and effectively preserving our regional wastewater treatment plant assets.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2019 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

None