

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: November 12, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

**Subject:** Master Contract for Geotechnical Engineering and Testing Services

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

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute master contract 19P033 with American Engineering and Testing for a not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000.

### Background

The MCES Authorized Capital Program (ACP) is approximately \$980 million. This translates into approximately \$600,000 in annual geotechnical services to support capital improvements. Much of this work will be accomplished using the proposed master contract. This geotechnical engineering and testing services contract will provide for the engineering services necessary to produce construction documents and the materials testing services necessary to support construction inspection for proposed capital improvements.

Procurement facilitated a public pre-bid meeting on August 01, 2019. There were ten (10) plan holders for this project. Five (5) proposals were received by the closing day of August 20, 2019. An Evaluation Panel of subject matter experts was formed and each of the proposals were evaluated against three (3) criteria; quality of the proposal, qualifications of the proposer, and experience of the proposer. The proposal submitted by American Engineering and Testing (AET) was the highest ranked among all proposals received and its unit cost was compared to pricing in similar contracts. The pricing was determined to be fair, reasonable, and within the MCES budget cost estimate.

The services from this master contract will be assigned on an as-needed basis and authorized by the Council over a five (5) year period to support the design and construction of capital improvements.

### Rationale

Professional services contracts with an amount exceeding \$500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and prosperity by efficiently and effectively investing public financial resources to provide and maintain the existing wastewater infrastructure which protects the region's natural resources.

### Funding

Funding is provided in the 2019 Authorized Capital Program.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.