

Environment Committee

Meeting date: December 8, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 23, 2020

Subject: Sole Source Acquisition of Goods and Services from Evoqua Water Technologies Inc.

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Procurement of Goods and Services

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes award, negotiation, and execution of sole source contract with Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. for an additional 18 months and not to exceed \$4,500,000 to provide bulk chemicals and services for odor and corrosion control.

Background

Nitrate salts are added to the interceptor system at specific locations to reduce the production of hydrogen sulfide which reduces odors and corrosion in the interceptor system.

The Council has contracted over several years with Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. (Evoqua) to provide nitrate salts, odor control equipment, and services. Evoqua has installed and owns some of the chemical storage tanks and most chemical delivery systems throughout the interceptor system. Staff is currently working on a procurement for a design, build, operate contract for odor and corrosion control services. These documents will not be finished with enough time to transition to the new system before the existing contract expires on January 31, 2021. This continuation of service for an additional 18 months will allow time to competitively procure a vendor for the work.

Rationale

Contracts exceeding \$500,000 require Council approval.

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 Environmental Services capital program and operating budget for the Interceptor Services Business Unit.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.