

Environment Committee

Meeting date: July 14, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 22, 2020

Subject: Metro Plant Polymer Contract Amendment, Contract 15P142

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 approve the amendment for Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (Metro Plant) polymer procurement contract 15P142 for an additional amount of \$1,100,000 increasing the total contract amount not to exceed \$11,000,000.

Background

Polymer is a conditioning chemical used for centrifuge and belt press operation, which aids in the removal of water while processing sludge solids.

Between September 2015 and January 2016 bids were solicited for an initial two-year contract with three optional one-year extensions to provide polymer to the Metro Plant. The contract was awarded to Polydyne January 31, 2016 and authorized by Council for \$9,000,000 over five years which is set to expire January 31, 2021.

At the time the procurement process was initiated to renew this contract, it was determined funds would be depleted prior to January 31, 2021. An amendment was issued on the initial contract that did not require Council approval to increase funding to \$9,900,000 which allowed time for the procurement process and testing to occur. However, due to COVID-19 pandemic procurement requirements the contracting process was temporarily suspended in March 2020. In order to continue operations, additional funds are required to bridge to the end of the current contract.

Because this is a procurement for goods and services there is no Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) requirement at this time.

Funding was based on anticipated need and past history. This amendment will allow for continued service through the end of the current contract and a for new contract for Metro Plant polymer to be awarded with appropriate testing of the products.

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 treatment plant operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

None