

Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 10, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of March 25, 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. not to exceed \$2,600,000 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 to the interceptor pipe.

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. Procurement recently approved an initial 3-month extension to the existing purchase order. This extension expires on April 30, 2020. Approving an additional 12 months of this service will allow staff to develop a competitive process for future acquisition of these goods and services.

Rationale

The award and execution of contracts exceeding \$500,000 requires 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 annual operating budgets of the Interceptor Services Business Unit.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.