

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: April 27, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 12, 2021

**Subject:** Metropolitan Council Mechanical Pipefitting Services Rejection of Bids, Contract 20P225

**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 reject all bids for mechanical pipefitting services for all MCES locations, Contract 20P225 and resolicit bids for this contract.

### Background

This contract provides mechanical pipefitting services for all MCES locations. The Council wastewater treatment plants and regional maintenance facilities have many long lengths of piping that convey many types of liquids, steam and pressure vessels, and other equipment that requires special licensure for repairs. These systems and equipment must be maintained, repaired and replaced as needed for proper operation, safety and environmental protection.

The anticipated contract value was \$8,000,000 for a term of five years. The bids included labor and material for a one-year average.

Four bids were received on December 22, 2020. Bids ranged from \$2,126,253.80 to \$2,521,401.50. The Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal for this contract was 3%. Three of the four bids were determined to be non-responsive and the sole responsive, responsible bidder was 14 percent higher than the lowest bidder.

### Rationale

Rejection of bids exceeding \$2,500,000 requires Council authorization.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain MCES piping conveyance systems.

### Funding

Funding for this contract is funded with annual operation budgets from each MCES location.

### Known Support / Opposition

None.