

Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 24, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 8, 2021

Subject: Interceptor Chemical Odor Control System - Contract #20P215A and #20P215B

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two contracts simultaneously with Rice Lake Construction: contract 20P215A for design-build of an interceptor chemical odor control system in an amount not to exceed \$6,629,950, and contract 20P215B for operations and maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$35,652,665.

Background

MCES currently has 16 operational chemical feed sites which delivers bioxide (calcium nitrate solution) to the interceptor system to manage odors and corrosion. Current service is provided using proprietary equipment, which has not fostered a competitive bidding environment.

This procurement secured two contracts:

1. A contract to design-build the odor management systems (including tanks, dosing pumps, piping and monitoring equipment; and
2. A services contract to supply chemical, operate and maintain the systems for 10 years with an option, at the Council's discretion, for two 5-year extensions.

Rationale

A Request for Proposals was issued on March 22, 2021. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries.

There were thirty registered plan holders. Three plan holders identified as prime contractors, seven as subcontractors, eight as suppliers, five as architecture/engineering consultants, three as plan rooms, and four as other. Five of the subcontractors, two of the suppliers, and one other identified as minority, woman, small or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received two proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

The following criteria were used in the evaluation of proposals: proposal quality, proposer qualifications, experience, and price.

The evaluation panel utilized the expertise and knowledge from a wide array of staff and disciplines as well as the expertise of an external stakeholder.

After evaluation of the proposals, the evaluation panel determined the proposal submitted by Rice Lake Construction represented the best value to the Council. MCES management reviewed the estimate, the proposals, and the panel's

findings and determined that it is in the best interest of the Council to move forward with awarding the procurement to Rice Lake Construction.

Office of Equal Opportunity

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Businesses (MCUB) goal of 13.00% percent of the design-build construction contract. Rice Lake Construction Group met the MCUB requirements of this procurement.

OEO did not set a goal on the operations and maintenance portion of this contract. Scopes in this contract included chemical supply and maintenance of the chemical feed system. OEO did a thorough search of the MCUB directory and identified 9 MCUBs listed to have the industrial chemical North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code, however none of those firms supply the chemical needed for this project. OEO also searched for MCUB firms that could provide the maintenance and service of the chemical feed system. Based on directory research and outreach OEO concluded there are no MCUB firms that provide services needed to maintain the type of equipment and controls that are part of the chemical feed system.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the regions 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.