

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: July 13, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 14, 2021

**Subject:** Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Phase II, Contract 20P182

**District(s), Member(s):** Council District 16, Wendy Wulff

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

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements Phase II, MCES Project Numbers 807401, Contract No. 20P182, with Total Mechanical, for an amount not to exceed \$15,665,585.70.

### Background

This project implements the following items from the Council approved Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements Facility Plan adopted April 2013, Business Item 2013-193: digester conversion to increase solids processing capacity; complete biogas treatment to support energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; and combined heat and power to generate heat and electricity for on-site use.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on March 25, 2021. There were fifty-six plan holders, eleven prime bidders, forty-one subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, four plan rooms, and eight plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Council staff facilitated a public pre-bid meeting that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 27, 2021 and two bids were received.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of nine percent (9%). OEO determined that the DBE requirements for this contract have been met.

### Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$15,665,585.70 to \$15,802,000.00. Total Mechanical Services, Inc. submitted the low, responsive, responsible bid, and is recommended for award. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship, Sustainability and Livability as the work supports efforts to maintain the region's wastewater treatment system.

### Funding

Funding is provided in the 2021 Authorized Capital Program.

### Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.