

Environment Committee

Meeting date: July 27, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 11, 2021

Subject: Hopkins System Improvements, East Isles – Contract G, Contract 21P018

District(s), Member(s): District 6, Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract 20P018, for Hopkins System Improvements, East Isles – Contract G, MCES Project No. 819015 with Minger Construction for their low responsive, responsible bid of \$4,839,294.00.

Background

The project consists of installing approximately 1,500 feet of new 24” dual plastic forcemains and new access structures. MCES has a cooperative construction agreement to upgrade storm sewer within the project limits owned by the City of Minneapolis.

A formal Invitation for Bids was advertised on May 18, 2021. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff on June 2, 2021 that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. There were thirty-four plan holders including five prime bidders, twenty-five subcontractors, suppliers, and consultants, and four plan rooms. Ten plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on June 17, 2021 and four bids were received.

Office of Equal Opportunity

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of twelve percent (12%). OEO determined that Minger Construction met the DBE requirements for this procurement.

Rationale

The four bids received, ranged from \$4,839,294.00 to \$6,678,946.20. Minger Construction is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder 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 advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and the Thrive principle of collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the regions natural resources.

Funding

Construction funds for the project are included in the 2021 Capital Program. MCES has received project approval for PFA funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Known Support / Opposition

MCES staff is not aware of opposition to the project.