

Environment Committee

Meeting date: June 22, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 14, 2021

Subject: Master Contract(s) for Wastewater Treatment Plant Treatment Process Consultation & Support, Contract 20P259

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 authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute two master contracts, each for an amount not to exceed \$300,000, with Short Elliot Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) and HDR Engineering, Inc (HDR).

Background

MCES solicited proposals for engineering consultation and support regarding traditional, new and/or complex wastewater treatment issues such as chloride management, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, nutrient reduction, wastewater and storm water reuse, resource recovery, and sustainable management of residuals. These master contracts will provide for the engineering consultation and support services necessary to address treatment process needs.

A Request for Proposals was issued on March 4, 2021. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. The Office of Equal Opportunity reviewed this project for a DBE goal. The review analysis resulted in no goal set. There were twenty-nine registered plan holders for this project, twenty-five consultants, two subcontractors, two plan rooms and two of the plan holders identified as disadvantaged business enterprises.

Rationale

The Council received eleven proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of contract award. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposals submitted by SEH and HDR provide the best overall value to the Council based on the proposer quality, qualifications and experience. The services from these master contracts will be assigned on an as-needed basis and authorized by the Council. The execution of a professional services contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and prosperity by efficiently and effectively investing public financial resources to provide, maintain, and advance the region's wastewater infrastructure which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2021 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.