

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: October 26, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2021

**Subject:** Municipal Solid Waste and Industrial Waste for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Facilities, Contract 20P289A

**District(s), Member(s):** All

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

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**Division/Department:** MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 20P289A with Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. to provide solid waste services at MCES facilities for an amount not to exceed \$2,381,085.

### Background

The proposed contract will provide solid waste services for MCES facilities. The regional wastewater treatment, interceptor, and support facilities generate significant quantities of non-hazardous solid waste from process-related activities and the repair and rehabilitation of these Council facilities. The waste streams to be managed under this contract include wastewater screenings, wastewater grit, mixed screenings and grit, incinerator debris, other industrial waste typically spent biofilter media, construction and demolition debris, wood waste, trash and recyclables.

A Request for Proposal was issued on June 21, 2021. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were seven registered plan holders, four prime bidders, three plan rooms, and three plan holders 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 was used in the evaluation of proposals; proposer quality, proposer qualifications, experience, price and the ability to meet current and future needs. The evaluation panel utilized the expertise and knowledge from a wide array of staff disciplines. Staff recommend Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc., as the most advantageous proposer to the Council, given its offering of services and competitive pricing. Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc., offered operational solutions and an understanding of the importance of the services required.

### Office of Equal Opportunity

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. A Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal was not set upon results of the analysis.

**Rationale**

The execution of a contract for professional services in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

**Thrive Lens Analysis**

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by efficiently and effectively preserving our regional wastewater treatment plant complex.

**Funding**

Annual funding for these services is provided in the MCES Operating Budget.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.