

Environment Committee

Meeting date: October 26, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 10, 2021

Subject: Lift Station L24 Renovation and Forcemain 7020 Replacement, Waconia Forcemain 7508 Phase 3, Contract 21P009

District(s), Member(s): 3, 4, Christopher Ferguson, Deb Barber

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

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P009 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. to construct the Lift Station L24 Renovation and Forcemain 7020 Replacement, Waconia Forcemain 7508 Phase 3, in an amount not to exceed \$19,059,145.54.

Background

Facility Plans were adopted by the Metropolitan Council and approved by the MPCA for Lift Station L24, Interceptor Forcemain 7020, and Interceptor Forcemain 7508. The projects are located along Highway 7 in Minnetrista and Highway 5 in Victoria. Drivers are the renewal of 50-year-old infrastructure, upgrading to current operational safety standards, and capacity for growth. Construction is planned from 2022 to 2024.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on August 3, 2021. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were fifty-nine plan holders consisting of nine prime bidders; forty-six suppliers, subcontractors, consultants; and four plan rooms. Fourteen plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on September 21, 2021, and four bids were received.

Office of Equal Opportunity

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 11%. To be found responsive, a bidder must meet the DBE requirements of the contract by either meeting the DBE goal or make adequate good faith efforts to meet the goal.

Rationale

The four bids received ranged from \$19,059,145.54 to \$26,108,704.70. Geislinger and Sons, Inc. is the lowest responsive, and responsible bidder at \$19,059,145.54 and 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

This project will be Public Facilities Authority funded through the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund by MPCA.

Known Support / Opposition

No opposition is noted.