

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 28, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 13, 2021

**Subject:** Design of a New Lift Station L32A, Contract #20P210

**District(s), Member(s):** District 2, Reva Chamblis

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

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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute Contract #20P210 with Brown and Caldwell to provide services for the design of the new lift station L32A in an amount not to exceed \$6,566,704.

### Background

A Facility Plan was adopted by Metropolitan Council and approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the design and construction of a new lift station (L32A) on property owned by the Council in Fridley to replace the existing facility located in Brooklyn Park. The recommended project includes construction of the new lift station, odor control facilities, and features to improve facility resiliency. This project will increase system capacity, minimize wastewater spill potential, and maintain public health, safety, and welfare. This procurement secures a contract for design services for this project. Construction of this project is programmed for 2023 to 2026.

### Rationale

A Request for Proposal was issued on April 5, 2021. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries.

There were thirty-four registered plan holders. Twenty-eight plan holders identified as A/E Consultants, one as subcontractors, one as suppliers, one as plan rooms, and three as other. Seven of the A/E Consultants, one of the subcontractors, and one other identified as minority, woman, small or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received eight proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

The following criteria was used in the evaluation of proposals; proposer quality, proposer qualifications, staff experience, service delivery plan and price. The evaluation panel utilized the expertise and knowledge from a wide array of internal staff disciplines, and staff representatives from Fridley and Brooklyn Park, as well as technical advisors from the Wastewater Planning and Capital Project Delivery Division.

After evaluation of the proposals, the evaluation panel determined that the proposal submitted by Brown and Caldwell represented the best value to the Council. Brown and Caldwell offered a good understanding of the project and expertise to design a new lift station integrated with new technologies and reliability system to meet the current and future needs of the community.

### **Office of Equal Opportunity**

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Businesses (MCUB) goal of 15.00% percent.

### **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 (PFA) funded through the Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund by the MPCA.

### **Known Support / Opposition**

This project is supported by the City of Fridley, City of Brooklyn Park, Anoka County, Friends of Mississippi River and other stakeholders. No opposition is noted.