

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: January 23, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: February 14, 2024

Business Item: 2024-29

Lake Elmo West Connection, Project No. 808687, Contract 23P076

District(s), Member(s):	District 12 Susan Vento; District 13, Chai Lee
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Tim Wedin, Assistant Manager, 651-602-4571
Division/Department:	Environmental Services

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P076 with Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. to construct the Lake Elmo West Connection in an amount not to exceed \$28,795,749.

Background

The contract to be awarded is to construct an extension of the MCES 1-WO-500 interceptor to provide regional wastewater service to southwestern Lake Elmo. Lake Elmo currently utilizes the City of Oakdale's sanitary sewer to reach the MCES system. The extension of regional wastewater service provided by the Lake Elmo West Connection project will replace the local sanitary sewer and is needed at this time to meet the wastewater capacity requirements of ongoing development in the area. Development of this portion of Lake Elmo was identified in the City's comprehensive plan.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on October 23, 2023. 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 sixty-three plan holders, twelve prime bidders, fifteen suppliers, twenty-eight subcontractors, five consultants, three plan rooms, and thirteen plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on December 12, 2023, and two bids were received.

Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$28,795,749 to \$31,654,385. Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award. The execution of a construction contract more than \$10,000,000 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 region's natural resources.

Funding

This project will be funded through local funding.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 5% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

