

# Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 14, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: May 22, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-120

Emergency Underground Excavation Services 23P163

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P163 with Vinco Inc., to provide as needed emergency underground excavation services for all Metropolitan Council Environmental facilities in an amount not to exceed \$950,180.

### Background

The Metropolitan Council Wastewater Treatment Facilities have numerous instances where emergency work must be performed on our underground utilities. A multi-year time and material contract will allow us to promptly and efficiently provide the services required to make repairs to these systems.

These services can only be provided by qualified competent technicians with the technical knowledge, skills, certification, and equipment to complete the work. The scope of work can fluctuate from month to month, is not consistent, and the type and amount of expertise can vary greatly from job to job; therefore, it is economically feasible to use contractors to supply these services.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised **January 12, 2024**. 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 twenty plan holders, eight prime contractors, one consultant, nine subcontractors, two plan rooms, and eight plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a bid opening on February 13, 2022, and two bids were received.

The two bids received ranged from \$950,180.00 to \$1,766,356.62. Vinco Inc., is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for the award.

### Rationale

The execution of a service contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

### **Thrive Lens Analysis**

Authorization to award this contract supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship and Sustainability by using public financial resources responsibly and efficiently to maintain our region's wastewater collection systems infrastructure and utilities.

### **Funding**

Funds are available through the annual operating budget from each MCES location.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 15% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

