

# Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: June 26, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-151

Programmable Logic Controller Procurement, Contract 23P244

<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Roger Rehbein, Principal Engineer, 651-602-1568
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Environmental Services / Plant Engineering

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P244 with Border States Industries Inc. to provide programmable logic controller parts for Environmental Services water resource recovery facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,081,473.30.

### Background

Programmable logic controllers control and monitor the treatment processes at Environmental Services water resource recovery facilities. The parts purchased under this contract will replace outdated programmable logic controllers for which spare parts are no longer available at the Metropolitan, Empire, and Seneca water resource recovery facilities.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on March 26, 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 ten registered plan holders; nine suppliers and one plan room, and three plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 24, 2024, and received one bid for \$1,081,473.30 from Border States Industries Inc. An Adequate Competition Determination found this procurement was competed through an open solicitation with no indication of restrictive specifications or requirements. Border States Industries Inc was determined to be the lowest responsible, responsive bidder and is being recommended for award.

### Rationale

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

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by efficiently and effectively preserving our regional water resource recovery facilities' assets.

## **Funding**

Funding is provided in the 2024 Authorized Capital Program for this contract.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

