

# Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: Sept. 10, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: Sept. 11, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-182 SW

Master Contracts for Water Supply Studies and Technical Analyses for White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan, Contract 24P056

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Greg Johnson, Principal Engineer, 651-602-1016

**Division/Department:** Environmental Services/Water Resources

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts 24P056A-24P056C for technical consultant services for the water supply studies and technical analyses for the White Bear Lake Area Comprehensive Plan in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 as follows:

Organization	Contract Number	Contract Amount
Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.	24P056A	\$500,000
Barr Engineering	24P056B	\$500,000
Short Elliot Hendrickson	24P056C	\$500,000

### Background

As presented to the Environment Committee on September 26, 2023, the Minnesota Legislature provided \$2 million in funding for the Council to form a work group to develop a comprehensive plan to ensure communities in the White Bear Lake area have access to sufficient drinking water to allow for municipal growth while ensuring the sustainability of surface and groundwater resources to supply the needs of future generations. These master contracts will support comprehensive water system planning for the White Bear Lake Area including water supply, treatment, storage, and distribution analysis and planning.

A Request for Proposals was issued on May 3, 2024. 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 written seventeen registered plan holders, fifteen consultants, two plan rooms, and five plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

The Council received five proposals on June 13, 2024 to be evaluated for the consideration of award and used the proposer quality, qualifications, experience, and price as the criteria for evaluation. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposals submitted by Kimley Horn & Associates, Inc, Barr Engineering, and Short Elliot Hendrickson are the most advantageous to the Council and recommend for award.

## **Rationale**

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

## **Thrive Lens Analysis**

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability and the water sustainability goal of the Water Resources Policy Plan. In addition, a long-term water supply solution(s) for the White Bear Lake Area will allow additional growth for communities that are planning to grow beyond the limits of their existing DNR groundwater appropriation permit limits.

## **Funding**

Project funds will be provided by the Minnesota Legislature.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity & Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 3% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the three firms being recommended for award met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

