

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: June 10, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: June 25, 2025

Business Item: 2025-132

Sludge Disposal Contract, Contract 25P021

District(s), member(s):	All
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/department:	MCES, Operational Support Services

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 25P021 with SKB Environmental to provide sludge disposal at MCES Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$5,779,000.

Background

Biosolids or sludge is a byproduct of wastewater treatment. The solids or sludge is what is left of the treatment process once water has been treated. Sludge disposal is required from the Empire and Metro wastewater treatment plants and disposal will take place at a landfill.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on April 3, 2025. Council staff facilitated a public pre-bid meeting that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries.

There were written thirteen registered plan holders, six prime bidders, four subcontractors, three plan rooms and five plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on May 8, 2025, and received three bids. Bids ranged from \$5,300,000 to \$7,193,350. SKB Environmental was determined to be the low, responsive, responsible bidder and is being recommended for award.

Rationale

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

Thrive lens analysis

On Feb. 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain proper operation of the Metropolitan Disposal System which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funds are available in the Empire and Metro operating budgets.

Small business inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 2% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

