

# Business Item

Environment Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** June 10, 2025

**For the Metropolitan Council:** June 25, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-133

Master Contracts for Utility Potholing Services, Contract 24P252

**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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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P252 to T2 Utility Engineers, Inc for utility potholing services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

### Background

These master contracts are needed to support the 2025-2030 Authorized Capital Program. The Request for Proposals was issued on March 10, 2025. 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 twelve registered plan holders, eight consultants, two subcontractors, two plan rooms, and three of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. The Council received four proposals on April 16, 2025, to be evaluated for the consideration of award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. An evaluation panel of Council staff ranked and selected the most technically qualified proposers. Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendations, the cost proposals of the highest ranked proposer was reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable, and a consensus was reached that the proposal submitted by T2 Utility Engineers, Inc is the most advantageous to the Council.

### Rationale

The execution of architecture and engineering contracts exceeding \$500,000 require Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

On February 12, 2025, the Council adopted Imagine 2050, which builds on policy direction in Thrive MSP 2040. Under the Thrive lens, this action advances the Thrive Outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be responsibly invested to support orderly economic development while maintaining the regional wastewater system assets, which

protect the region's natural resources.

### **Funding**

Funding is provided in the 2025 Authorized Capital Program.

### **Small Business Inclusion**

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

