

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: March 26, 2025

Business Item: 2025-72

Odor Control Media, Contract 24P174

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 award and execute contract 24P174 with Purafil, Inc., to provide odor control media in amount not to exceed \$4,233,000.

Background

MCES owns and operates over thirty odor control units throughout the region that mitigate odors associated with the regional wastewater system. These units require periodic replacement of various types of media. The work is performed by MCES staff.

The Invitation for bids was advertised on November 21, 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 fifteen plan holders, fourteen suppliers, one plan room, and two of the plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on December 5, 2024, and five bids were received.

The odor control media cost ranged from \$61.98 per cubic foot (CF) to \$92.69/CF for the four different types of media used. Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$454,000 to \$870,000 over a five-year period with price adjustments based on the Activated Carbon market.

Purafil, Inc., was the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be invested responsibly and efficiently to maintain our region's wastewater collection system and assets, which protect the region's natural resources.

Funding

Project funding is included in the 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Operations and Maintenance Budget.

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.

