

Business Item

Environment Committee



Committee meeting date: October 14, 2025

For the Metropolitan Council: October 22, 2025

Business Item: 2025-266

High Strength Waste Hauling, Contract 25P064

District(s), member(s):	District 16, Wendy Wulff
Policy/legal reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
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Division/department:	Environmental Services/ Operational Services

Proposed action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P064 with Schlomka's Vac Truck Services, Inc. for hauling high strength waste from Kemps LLC to either the Empire or the Metropolitan Water Resource Recovery Facility in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

Background

The Council's high strength waste hauling services are required by agreement between the Metropolitan Council and Kemp's LLC, which has been executed under the Council-approved Industrial Pretreatment Incentive Program.

The Request for Proposals was issued on June 3, 2025. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff on June 23, 2025, that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were fourteen registered plan holders, ten prime contractors, two subcontractors, two plan rooms, and four of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

On July 8, 2025, the Council received three proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award. The evaluation panel consisted of Council staff. The criteria used to evaluate the proposals were: the quality of the proposal, the experience of the proposer, the qualifications of the proposer, and the price. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Schlomka's Vac Truck Service, Inc. provides the best overall value to the Council.

Rationale

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

Thrive lens analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcome of stewardship as the work supports efforts to maintain the region's wastewater treatment system.

Funding

Funding is authorized and available in the operating 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.

