

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) - Award Advanced Design Consultant Services Contract (14P125)

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services contract with AECOM for Advanced Design Consultant (ADC) Services for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (METRO Green Line Extension) Project in an amount not to exceed \$117,654,545.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Jim Alexander presented the item. Councilmember Commers asked about receiving only one proposal. Alexander stated that the Project Office reached out to potential proposers and DBE firms earlier this summer to generate interest in the work and that it comes down to a business decision on the part of potential proposers as to whether to submit a proposal. Alexander stated that AECOM is well qualified to do the work, they understand our process and what it takes to complete these type of projects. Councilmember Munt asked if any of the firms are local. Alexander stated that there are 19 subconsultants on the team, 11 of which are DBE and all of the firms on the team but one have local offices. Councilmember Brimeyer asked how many engineering firms are capable of doing this type of work. Alexander stated that there is not a large pool of firms that are capable of leading these type of contracts. Motion made by Councilmember Reynoso, seconded by Councilmember Munt and approved.

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Meeting date: December 8, 2014

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Procurement of Professional Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

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Background

The ADC will provide engineering services for the Southwest LRT, which includes advancing the design from 30% through 100% and providing design support during construction.

One team responded to the Council's request for proposals. An evaluation panel representing project partners evaluated the proposal and determined the AECOM proposal to be advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

In December 2012, the Council entered into engineering services contracts to advance the design to 30% completion. The 30% design plans were completed in September 2014. The ADC contract is needed to advance the Southwest LRT design.

Funding

Funding in the amount of \$705 million has been committed for the Southwest LRT Project.

- \$496 million in Counties Transit Improvement Board (CTIB) funds
- \$165 million in Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (HCRRA) funds
- \$44 million in state of Minnesota funds

The Council will enter grant agreements with CTIB on an annual basis and HCRRA on a project phase basis.

Known Support / Opposition

Project partners participated in the evaluation and ranked the AECOM proposal as advantageous to the Council. No known opposition.