

### Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 26, 2014

**Subject:** Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Miscellaneous Biofilter Rehabilitation, Contract 13P304

#### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for miscellaneous biofilter rehabilitation, Contract 13P304 with Geislinger and Sons, Inc. for their bid of \$770,730.

#### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee members asked about the size of the filtering systems and the life expectancy. Staff said these are relatively small systems, and the life expectancy is approximately five years. Motion to approve proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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Meeting date: February 11, 2014

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**District(s), Member(s):** District 3 - Jennifer Munt, District 8 – Adam Duininck, District 9 – Edward Reynoso, District 12 – Harry Melander, District 13 – Richard Kramer

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Jeff Schwarz 651-602-1176; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091

**Division/Department:** MCES c/o Leisa Thompson 651-602-8101

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### Background

Biofilters were installed at the locations listed below between eight and ten years ago:

- South Washington County Gravity Interceptor (Cottage Grove)
- Lift Station L65 (South St. Paul)
- Blue Lake Siphon Headhouse (Eden Prairie)
- Lift Station L42 (Anoka)
- Minneapolis Meters (Minneapolis)

Recent inspections and samples collected from the biofilters have identified the following conditions:

- Extensive weed growth in the media beds;
- Decomposition of the original wood chip media to black dirt/compost;
- Short circuiting of odorous air around the concrete wall perimeters of the beds; and
- Odorous air in the vicinity of the biofilters.

Rehabilitation of the biofilters is needed to mitigate odors at these locations.

Six bids were received on February 5, 2014, ranging from \$770,730 to \$1,171,330. The low responsive, responsible bid of \$770,730 was submitted by Geislinger and Sons, Inc. There were no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals for this project, due to lack of subcontracting opportunities.

### Rationale

Non construction contract awards exceeding \$500,000 require Council authorization

### Funding

Interceptor Operations

### Known Support / Opposition

None.