

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 9, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Contract 13P210 for the Design and Construction Support for Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solids Improvements Project

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an Engineering Services Contract for Design and Construction Support for Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solids Improvements Project, Contract No. 13P210 to HR Green in the amount of \$1,501,958.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

There was general discussion about the improvements to the wastewater system and the payback/savings resulting from this work. Staff clarified that the project will replace aging equipment, increase solids processing capability, and increase energy recovery at the plant. Motion to approve proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 25, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 9, 2014

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District(s), Member(s): District 15, Steven Chavez; District 16, Wendy Wulff

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Background

The Empire WWTP Solids Improvements Project, as described in the approved Facility Plan (April 2013), will increase solids processing capacity and provide increased beneficial use of digester gas. A formal solicitation was made for the proposed engineering services contract for this work. Five proposals were received and evaluated by MCES staff. Three proposals were deemed marginal due to lack of experience similar on similar projects. Two proposals were judged as high quality and were evaluated further. The HR Green proposal was the lower priced proposal of the two high quality proposals.

The project has MBE and WBE goals of 7.5% and 7.5%, respectively. The HR Green proposal meets these numeric goals and has passed review by Office of Equal Opportunity.

Rationale

Professional services contracts with an amount exceeding \$500,000 require Metropolitan Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2014 Authorized Capital program, Project 807400.

Currently authorized:	\$15,000,000
Unencumbered funds:	\$14,750,000
Requested Amount:	\$ 1,501,958

Known Support / Opposition

None.