

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: July 14, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 23, 2014

Subject: Authorization to Award and Execute a Construction Contract for the Overhaul Base Facility Renovations and Addition

District(s), Member(s): District 14, Jon Commers

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Good and Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Donlar Construction, for the construction of the Overhaul Base Facility Renovations and Addition project in St. Paul at a cost of \$6,467,000.

Background

Metro Transit's Overhaul Base facility was constructed in 1979 and provides major bus maintenance and repairs for the entire bus fleet. Since the original construction, the bus fleet has grown in size as well as changed in mix of vehicle type and size. This project addresses the operational and capacity concerns that exist today due to that growth and change in bus fleet. The project includes construction of a 16,490 square foot addition housing a new bus paint booth, trim stalls, locker rooms and break room facilities. The project also consists of renovations to existing central warehouse offices, renovation of a receiving office and break room, and renovation of existing administrative offices. Design of the proposed expansion and renovations was completed in April of this year.

On May 28, 2014, 6 bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$6,467,000 to \$7,234,000. The engineers estimate for the work was \$6,341,000. A 15.5% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to the project. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) has reviewed the three lowest responsible bids for DBE participation and good faith efforts and the low, responsive bidder passed the DBE review. The bid compares favorably to the estimate with the low four bids being within 3% of the estimate.

Rationale

The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for this project is authorized and available in project 64110.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.