

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 8, 2017

Subject: Seneca Solids Processing Improvement Project Rejection of Bids

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for construction of Seneca Solids Processing Improvements Project, Contract 17P204.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff clarified that bids were higher than expected because contractors assumed more risk than intended. Specifications will be clarified to appropriately assign the risk which will result in lower contractor bids.

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Meeting date: October 24, 2017

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District(s), Member(s): District 4, Deb Barber; District 5, Steve Elkins, District 15 Steven Chavez

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Background

The Project provides for construction of the following at the Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plant:

1. Energy-efficiency improvements for thickening, aeration, and lighting;
2. Wet scrubber improvements to meet future EPA emissions limits for incinerators; and
3. Asset preservation work needed for continuance of existing solids processing facilities.

Two bids were received and opened on October 9, 2017. The low bid far exceeded the engineer's estimate. After reviewing the bids, MCES proposes to reject all bids and to revise the specification to reduce costs that appear to be associated with Contractor's risk.

Rationale

Only the Council can award or reject bids exceeding \$2,500,000.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the following Thrive Outcomes:

- Stewardship by demonstrating efficient and effective use of public financial resources; and
- Sustainability by improving air quality and energy efficiency.

Funding

Funding is provided by the Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

None.