

Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 14, 2018

Subject:	SWLRT (Green Line Extension) Contract Award for Civil Construction
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statute 473.3999; Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit / Green Line Extension Project Office

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for Civil Construction for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT) to Lunda/C.S. McCrossan Joint Venture for \$799,514,338.22, contingent upon receipt of Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) from the Federal Transit Administration and approval of the LONP work from Hennepin County.

Background

The Council issued Invitation for Bids (IFB) for SWLRT on February 14, 2017. On August 15, 2017, four bids were received ranging in amount from \$796.5 million to \$1.080 billion. All four bids exceeded the engineer's cost estimate and some bids contained a contractual conflict of interest. The Council directed procurement staff to reject all bids and directed project staff to work with project partners to identify cost saving opportunities while maintaining adequate ridership necessary to be eligible for federal funds. The Council re-issued an IFB on October 30, 2017, and on May 3, 2018, two bids were received ranging in amount from \$799.5 to \$812.1 million.

Council's procurement office reviewed the bids for "responsiveness and responsibility" to ensure that the bids were complete and signed, and that the bidders have met requirements relating to workers' compensation and unemployment insurance, performance bonds, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and all other standards under federal and state law. This contract has a DBE goal of 16%.

An evaluation panel was convened consisting of project partners from the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minneapolis Building & Trades Council and the MN Department of Human Rights to assist Council staff in the evaluation of DBE and workforce requirements. The panel provided input to the Met Council's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). The OEO determined that Lunda/C.S. McCrossan Joint Venture bid meets the DBE goal and made a final recommendation to approve the bidder's DBE and workforce plans.

The \$799,514,338.22 amount is within the engineer's cost estimate.

Rationale

Construction contract awards exceeding \$2,500,000 require Council authorization.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option

for 55,000 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

Funds for this contract are included in the project budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded 46% by the Federal Transit Administration and 54% by local funding partners.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.