

## Other Business

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 14, 2018

**Subject:** SWLRT (Green Line Extension) Approval for Quality Management Services Contract

**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 Quality Management Services for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT) in an amount not to exceed \$36,003,363.72 to Braun Intertec Corporation following award of the Civil Contract (2018-193).

### Background

Construction quality management is divided into two categories: quality assurance and quality control. For the SWLRT project, quality control will be performed by the Civil construction contractor and quality assurance will be performed by the Council. Quality assurance functions include extensive field inspection and testing and manufacturing plant inspection and testing. On February 27, 2018, the Council issued a Request for Proposal for Quality Management Services (QMS) and on April 12, 2018 the Council received two proposals. This procurement was a Brooks Act procurement. The evaluation panel selected Braun Intertec Corporation as the most technically qualified bidder. Following the evaluation panel's selection, the negotiation panel negotiated a price of \$36,003,363.72 for the QMS contract.

The OEO determined that Braun's proposal meets the DBE goal of 15%.

### Rationale

The FTA requires the Council to have a robust Quality Management Program. By awarding the QMS contract, the SWLRT project office is able to implement its Quality Assurance Plan and provide appropriate quality oversight of the Civil construction contractor's quality control activities.

### 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.