

Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 28, 2018

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: September 10, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 12, 2018

Subject: Sole Source Procurement for e-Builder

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-4-3 Expenditures-Procurements

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute a sole source procurement contract with e-Builder, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$1,820,000 over a 5-year period from September 2018 to November 2023 with cost divided between Environmental Services (\$1,183,000) and Metro Transit (\$637,000).

Background

e-Builder is an internet-based project management system that standardizes and improves communication, and increases accountability between the offices, consultants, contractors and other project stakeholders by providing a single location to submit, review, approve and access project documents.

Since competitively procuring the e-Builder system for the Central Corridor Project Office (CCPO) in 2010, Metro Transit (Green Line Extension, Blue Line Extension, Engineering & Facilities and Small Starts Office) has used e-Builder with outstanding results. Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council, contractors, consultants, and project stakeholders have realized many benefits during the design and construction phases of projects as a result of the e-Builder system, including:

- Streamlined construction review and change authorization processes.
- Facilitated project documentation archival.
- Increased collaboration between all project participants.

A second competitive procurement for the Green Line Extension (SWLRT) Project in 2012 also resulted in the selection of the e-Builder system. Metro Transit/Transit Systems Development extended the SWLRT contract in 2014 to all of the Project Offices. In 2015, the Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities department procured a sole source contract with e-Builder which will be expiring at the end of 2018. Each project office or department has expanded the functionality of e-Builder with continued improvements in project outcomes. Procurement of the e-Builder system as an enterprise solution will provide these benefits to all of the Metropolitan Council divisions.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of prosperity and stewardship. Increasing efficiency effectively lowers administration costs to deliver projects. Providing facilities that are well designed and constructed will allow us to better maintain our transit systems and wastewater facilities.

Funding

Funding is provided within the Environmental Services and Metro Transit division's annual operating budgets.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.