

Environment Committee

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For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2018

Subject: Full Service Interceptor Engineering Master Contracts

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff clarified that work assignment is based on the firm capabilities, expertise, and work load. An attempt is made to keep work assignments fairly distributed across the five contracts.

The contract term is five years. Contracts are typically not issued beyond a five-year term. In the past, contracts have been extended beyond five years when an assignment is under way and it would be disruptive to assignment completion to interrupt the work. There have been times when the full contract values are not utilized.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Background

The MCES Authorized Capital Program (ACP) includes approximately \$660 million in interceptor capital projects. Most of this work, some of which is outlined in the scope of services for these engineering services master contracts, will be accomplished using the proposed master contracts. These are full service contracts that will provide for the complete range of engineering services necessary to produce construction documents and supplement construction inspection for proposed capital improvements.

A formal solicitation was conducted, and twelve proposals were received and evaluated. Each of the proposals were evaluated against four criteria; quality of the proposal, qualifications of the proposer, experience of the proposer, and their proposed service delivery plan. The master contracts also provide for construction support services that include construction inspection and construction phase engineering support. The cost proposals were reviewed and determined to be fair, reasonable and within the MCES budget cost estimate. The evaluation committee recommends awarding five master contracts (18P061A, 18P061B, 18P061C, 18P061D, and 18P061E) in the amount of \$4,000,000 each to Brown and Caldwell, Foth Infrastructure, SEH, Inc., TKDA, and Stantec Consultants.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to provide and maintain the existing wastewater infrastructure which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2018 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.