

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 13, 2019

Subject: Master Contract for Owner's Agent and other Technical Services for Metro Plant Solids Management Improvements, Services Building and Analytical Laboratory Building

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Sterner asked if the bidder was the lowest bid. Staff stated this was not the lowest bid. There was a difference in the labor rates not the labor hours.

Committee Member Sterner asked about the debt service load. Ned Smith, Director of Environmental Services Finance stated we do not track debt load by plant. We have \$1.3 billion in outstanding debt based on \$150 million per year in capital. This is also a 3-year project and the expenses will be distributed over that time period.

Committee Member Fredson asked what the difference was in the proposals than what has been seen in previous requests. Staff stated a this is a proposal rather than a bid based on 5 evaluation criteria. Committee Members would like to see a summary of evaluation results.

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Meeting date: November 12, 2019

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District(s), Member(s): District 13, Chai Lee

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Background

The master contract will facilitate the implementation of two (2) capital projects for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (Metro) using the design-build approach. The projects have been approved by the Council under two separate facility plans:

- 1. A new Services Building and modifications to the existing Analytical Laboratory Building will be constructed under Program 805900, Metro Plant Rehabilitation and Facilities Improvements
- 2. The Solids Management Building will be expanded for the addition of a fourth incinerator under Program ~~806200~~ 808900, Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Asset Renewal

The Request for Proposal was issued June 17, 2019. Procurement facilitated a public pre-proposal meeting on June 28, 2019. There were twenty-seven (27) plan holders for this project. Two (2) proposals were received on the closing date of August 21, 2019 from Black & Veatch Corporation and Jacobs Engineering Group.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business Program (MCUB) goal of 15% for the project. It was the OEO determination that both proposers met the Council’s Good Faith Effort requirements.

The Evaluation Panel consisted of six (6) staff, two (2) external stakeholders, and one (1) internal technical advisor. The evaluation process included an independent reading and evaluation of the proposals by each panel member followed by a meeting of the group to discuss its findings. Evaluation Panel members were trained on the evaluation process prior to receiving the proposals. The Evaluation Panel discussed and debated the merits of the two proposals and reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Black and Veatch Corporation provides the best overall value to the Council.

Rationale

The Selection Official for all procurements greater than \$500,000 is the governing board of the Metropolitan Council.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcome of stewardship as the work supports efforts to maintain the region's wastewater treatment system.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2020 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project