

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

Subject: Maple Plain, Medina and Independence Improvements

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Sterner asked for the discrepancy in the engineer's estimate related to the bids. Staff stated an analysis of the bids indicated that the temporary conveyance costs were higher than expected. This may be due to the contractors anticipating more work related to this activity. Costs for building improvements were also higher, suggesting that the modifications are more involved than expected.

Committee Member Zeran asked if the availability of contractors impacted the pricing. Staff stated that it could affect the pricing.

Committee Member Zeran asked if the proposed vendor is an MCUB business. Staff stated that they are MCUB and will be using MCUB subcontractors.

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Meeting date: December 10, 2019

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District(s), Member(s): District 1, Judy Johnson
Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented: Tim Wedin, 651-602-4571; Jeannine Clancy, 651-602-1210
Division/Department: MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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Background

The project includes improvements required to connect the City of Loretto to the Metropolitan Council system at L-63 through the City of Medina/Independence local system. The project includes installation of 2,000 linear feet (LF) of gravity pipe at County Road 19, a meter structure at Independence pump station Number 5, and rehabilitation of Metropolitan Council Lift Station L-63.

The project was advertised on October 7, 2019. A pre-bid meeting was facilitated on October 24, 2019. A public bid opening was held on November 14, 2019. Four bids were received. The bids ranged from \$2,739,619.19 to \$3,103,347.00. Meyer Contracting submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid. The bid was \$500,000 higher than the engineer’s estimate of \$2,226,082.10. After comparative evaluation it was determined that the previous estimate did not correctly reflect the costs of Temporary Conveyance or Building Modifications. The Office of Equal Opportunity established a goal of 15%. Meyer Contracting, exceeded the goal with a commitment of 22%.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

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

Funding

The project is included in the 2019 MCES Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

Cities of Loretto, Medina, Maple Plain, and Independence and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) are supportive of the project.