

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2019

Subject: Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Renewal & Improvements Project Rejection of Bids

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Fredson asked if all the bids came in by the due date but were incomplete. Staff confirmed that was the case.

Committee Member Sterner asked if the project rebid, would we receive bids from other vendors. Staff stated that the Council has bid similar work and received only one bid. This project involves highly technical work and staff were satisfied to see three bids.

Committee Member Zeran stated he felt it would be in the Council's best interest to rebid the project.

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Meeting date: December 10, 2019

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

Policy/Legal Reference: Policy 3-3 Expenditures

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Background

The Project provides for construction of the following at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- 1. Fluid bed incinerator air distribution renewal
- 2. Baghouse rehabilitation
- 3. Waste heat boiler tube replacement
- 4. Scrubber modifications
- 5. Cake feed piping modifications
- 6. Alkaline loadout and other miscellaneous improvements

Three bids were received November 19, 2019, ranging from \$19,338,710.00 to \$21,189,113.42. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this contract was 2% Minority DBE (MBE) and 2% Woman-Owned DBE (WBE).

The two lowest apparent bids were determined to be non-responsive. MCES proposes to reject all bids and to re-bid this project because the remaining responsive bid was \$1.85 million dollars higher than the lowest bid received.

Rationale

Rejection of bids exceeding \$2,500,000 requires Council authorization.

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

Funds are provided in the Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

None