

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 8, 2019

Subject: Construction Contract to Replace Lift Station L55 in Bloomington

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff clarified that a 495 form is the Responsible Contractor Information Form required by State Statute and used by our Office of Equal Opportunity and Procurement Department to validate contractor and subcontractor's compliance to contracting requirements.

The need for the replacement results from general growth in the area surpassing current capacity. Lift stations require replacement of certain mechanical and electrical gear within approximately 40 years before major improvements are needed.

Staff clarified if bidders are found to be unresponsive, meetings are set up between staff including Procurement to educate bidders on protocol for submitting bids as well as be able to answer questions and assure they have correct forms for submission.

The capacity of the previous station is unknown at this time.

What is the process of decommissioning a previous lift station? Staff stated it is driven by requirements of the city where the work is located.

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Meeting date: April 23, 2019

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District(s), Member(s): District 5, Molly Cummings

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures

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Background

This project will replace and relocate the existing lift station L55. The new 3.8 million gallons per day (mgd) lift station will have capacity for long-term growth, needed as proposed development within the L55 lift station sewershed will generate wastewater flows that will exceed the existing lift station capacity. New gravity and forcemain interceptor sewer construction is included in the project to facilitate the new location. The L55 lift station will be relocated to an area with the least impact to neighboring properties and will accommodate MnDOT's future plans to widen I-494.

A formal Invitation for Bids was advertised for the construction project on February 22, 2019. On March 20, 2019, four bids ranging from \$13,495,700 to \$15,845,833 were received and opened publicly. Rice Lake Construction Group submitted the lowest responsive, responsible bid, of \$13,495,700.00. The low bid is 20% higher than the engineer's estimate of \$11,088,000. Staff determined that the engineer's estimate did not correctly reflect the cost for deep excavation work, which is highly variable depending upon available material and equipment. The Office of Equal Opportunity has evaluated Rice Lake Construction Group's bid and determined that the MCUB goals of 13% have been met.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive Outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be responsibly invested to support orderly and economic development while maintaining the regional wastewater system assets, which protect the region's natural resources.

Funding

2019 MCES Authorized Capital Program, Projects 808400 and 805575.

Currently Authorized: \$18,260,000

Unencumbered Funds: \$17,610,000

Requested Amount: \$13,495,700

Known Support / Opposition

The Cities of Bloomington and Edina are supportive of this project.