

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 8, 2019

Subject: Blue Lake Polymer Contract

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff clarified that Polydyne is located in Georgia.

Receiving few bids is typical for this type of contract, due to the specificity of need.

Committee Member Wulff shared that polymer is different from the other chemicals that are used at the wastewater treatment plants. Evaluation is done before granting the contract.

Polymers, when picked well, save us a great deal of money.

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures – Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000

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Background

Polymer is a conditioning chemical, which aids in the removal of water while processing sludge solids on mechanical equipment such as centrifuges and belt presses.

A formal Invitation for Bids was issued on October 26, 2018. Two responsive bids were received for this two-part solicitation. Part one, product information, was opened on December 18, 2018. Part two, cost information, was opened on March 20, 2019.

Following the opening of part one of the bid documents, product information, an evaluation process was conducted which included a full-scale evaluation of polymer performance to identify the most effective polymer. At the conclusion of this process, following the opening of part two of the bid documents, cost information, Polydyne, Inc. was determined to be the vendor that met evaluation process requirements at the lowest cost to the Council.

Estimated expenditures for this procurement are \$750,000 annually, with a five-year contract cost not to exceed \$3,750,000.

Rationale

Council authorization is required for purchases over \$500,000.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain proper operation of the Metropolitan Disposal System which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funds are available in the treatment plant operating budget

Known Support / Opposition

None