

### Environment Committee

Meeting date: August 27, 2019

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 28, 2019

<b>Subject:</b> Vactor Service Contract Amendments
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### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff clarified that vactor services are a powerful vacuum that collect solids throughout the plants. It is necessary service to operate without disruption.

Committee Member Zeran inquired what happens to the solids after they are collected. Staff clarified solids are brought back to the Metro plant to be disposed of in various ways depending on characteristic.

Committee Member Sterner asked if the vactor service could be provided by staff. Staff clarified the Council does have its own vactor service which is used for maintaining our own collection system. We contract out vactor service at the plants so that we do not interrupt maintenance work on the collection system.

Staff clarified the polymer system disruption involved inadvertently mixing two incompatible polymer products. Schlomka Services provided immediate response to remove contaminated product and return the process to operation as soon as possible.

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**District(s), Member(s):**  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Council Policy 3-3 Expenditures - Procurement of Goods and Services over \$500,000  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Larry Rogacki, 651-602-8225; Mike Mereness, 651-602-8296  
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**Background**

Vactor services are a specialty operation necessary for the continued reliable operation of wastewater treatment facilities. In May 2018 bids were solicited for a two-year contract to provide routine service at eight (8) MCES facilities. Two (2) contracts were awarded (18P127A to Scholmka Services for \$316,320 and 18P127B to Goliath Hydro-Vac for \$163,680) for a total not to exceed contract value of \$480,000. Funding was based on anticipated need and past history. Over the first year of the contract, costs exceeded estimates due to high solids deposition from sustained wet weather plant flows and a critical response to a polymer system disruption. These amendments will allow for continued service through the remaining contract period with built in provision for contingencies.

**Rationale**

Procurement of goods and services for amounts exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

**Thrive Lens Analysis**

The services authorized by these consulting contracts support the Thrive Outcomes of stewardship and sustainability. The work supports preservation of the region’s wastewater system and advances efforts to invest in the region’s wastewater treatment and collection system so it may be operated efficiently and effectively.

**Funding**

Funds are available through the annual operating budget of each facility.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known opposition.