

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 14, 2020

Subject: MCES Vactor Services, Contract 18P127B Amendment 3

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Zeran inquired the reason MCES does not own its own truck to complete the removal. Staff clarified MCES has their own trucks in interceptor services; however, there can be scheduling challenges related to vehicle and staff availability. It is more cost-effective to have the services completed by an outside vendor to assure work is completed as needed. Staff will provide further follow up to clarify additional specifics.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 22, 2020

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District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3, Procurement of Goods and Services

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Background

Vactor services is a specialty operation that is used for removing buildup materials from tanks, piping, and other process areas 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. An amendment was approved in August 2019 for \$400,000 (18P127A to Scholmka Services for \$316,320 and 18P127B to Goliath Hydro-Vac for \$163,680) bringing the contract not to exceed amount to \$880,000.

Based on vactor service requirements over the past year, funding for 18P127A has been adequate and is projected to last until of the contract termination date of June 30, 2021, however, 18P127B needs additional \$100,000 of funding to match the contract termination date. The underrun in funds matching the duration of the contract is due to an improved scum removal process. The improved scum removal process requires more vactor contractor hours to complete, but requires less MCES operations staff hours to complete, and reduces use of MCES equipment.

Office of Equal Opportunity did not assign any goals to the initial solicitation.

Funding was based on anticipated need and past history. This amendment will allow for continued service through the end of the current contract and a for new contract to be bid and awarded according to the new process.

Rationale

The award and execution of Goods contracts in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

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 through the annual operating budget of each facility utilizing vector services.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.