

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 14, 2021

Subject: Master Contract for Wet/Dry Vactoring Services for MCES Facilities, Contract 20P202

Proposed Action

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Sterner inquired if there was an issue with the third bid. Staff clarified there was a third bid from Schlomka Services; however, they were not the low bidder at any of the nine wastewater treatment plants. Only two of the three contractors who bid for the contract were selected.

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Meeting date: March 23, 2021

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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.

A previous contract was awarded in August 2019 and is now up for renewal.

The Invitation for bids (IFB) was advertised on January 4, 2021. There were ten (10) plan holders. Procurement facilitated an online public bid opening on February 18, 2021 when three (3) bids were received. The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) did not submit a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal on this project due to the very specialized goods and lack of DBE suppliers available to provide the goods. The purchase orders will be for a period of two (2) years at a fixed price and an optional one (1) year renewals with a maximum 5% cap each year based on verifiable increases in cost to the supplier.

Vactor service unit costs ranged from \$185-\$265 per hour of service, depending on the necessary staff, equipment, and location. Estimated expenditures for this procurement are \$322,000 annually. This is a three-year contract that includes a period of two (2) years at a fixed price and an optional one (1) year renewals with a maximum 5% cap each year based on verifiable increases in cost to the supplier.

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 vactor services.

Known Support / Opposition

No known opposition.