

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 14, 2021

Subject: Minneapolis East Interceptor Control Gate Structure Rehabilitation Contract, Contract 20P291

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Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Sterner inquired as to why the lowest bid was not awarded. Jody Jacoby, Director of Procurement stated the low bidder did not meet the commitment or good faith effort to continue in the process, so the next bid was taken.

Committee Member Zeran asked how old the equipment is and if there anything that can be done to reduce the corrosion to expand the life going forward. Staff stated the original equipment was installed in the 1930's and additional equipment in the 1980's. We are replacing existing equipment with new equipment better suited to the corrosive conditions.

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District(s), Member(s): District 8 Abdirahman Muse; District 14 Kris Fredson

Policy/Legal Reference: FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy

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Background

The MEI system consists of two parallel facilities. The original Interceptor, 1-MN-300, was built in the 1930s and the new Interceptor 8255/8754, was built in the 1980s. The interceptors are interconnected by five control gate structures. An additional control gate structure located at the Interceptor 8255/8754 outflow into Interceptor 1-MS-100 allows metering. A recent inspection identified major corrosion of concrete and metals associated with gratings, ladders, stop logs channels, crane rails, hatches, electrical and control systems, sluice gates, and hydraulic power units in the interconnecting structures. All existing control gates were found inoperable. Metering structure facilities and equipment were also found to be in need of repair or replacement.

A formal Invitation for Bids was advertised on November 25, 2020. There were fifty plan holders, twelve prime bidders, thirty-two subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, six plan rooms, and twelve plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff on December 7, 2020 that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on January 7, 2021 and four bids were received.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Businesses (MCUB) goal of eight percent (8%).

OEO has evaluated PCiRoads, LLC's bid and determined their good faith efforts to meet the MCUB goal were acceptable. PCiRoads committed to an MCUB goal of 4.54 percent at time of bid.

Rationale

The four bids received, ranged from \$13,424,500 to \$15,595,495. PCiRoads, LLC submitted the low responsive, responsible bid and is recommended for award. The execution of a construction contract in excess of \$2,500,000 requires Council approval.

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

2021 MCES Authorized Capital Program, Project 807643.

Known Support / Opposition

Staff representatives of Minneapolis Public Works, Saint Paul Public Works and the University of Minnesota are in support of this project. There is no known opposition.