

## Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 12, 2021

**Subject:** Metropolitan Council HVAC, Piping, Mechanical, and Sheet Metal Services Rejection of Bids, Contract 20P240

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject all bids for HVAC, Piping, Mechanical, and Sheet Metal Services for all MCES Locations, Contract 20P240 and resolicit bids for this contract.

### Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chair Lindstrom inquired if we would be in communication with the bidders to provide additional education. Staff confirmed this would occur.

Committee Member Zeran asked if there was a pre-bid meeting and if everyone showed up. Staff stated there was a pre-bid meeting; however, how to meet the MCUB goal may not have been clear to the attendees.

Committee Member Sterner asked if there are enough people to do the work. Staff stated the current contract is nearing the end of the term. Would like to agree with Procurement and the Office of Equal Opportunity on a process to obtain successful bids. These are non-construction, time and materials contracts. We have had difficulty finding MCUBs for this work.

Committee Member Wulff asked if the work was defined to assure the suppliers were able to meet the goal. Staff stated the focus was on the supply of parts. The work needed was not defined at the time and the next bid process will take that into account.

The proposed action was approved and forwarded to the Council for final approval.

## Environment Committee

Meeting date: April 27, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 12, 2021

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**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Policy 3-3 Expenditures

**Staff Prepared/Presented:** John Tierney, 651-247-2076; Dan White, 651-602-8299

**Division/Department:** MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-651-8101

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### Background

This contract provides HVAC, Piping, Mechanical and Sheet Metal Services for all MCES locations. The Council Wastewater Treatment Plants and Regional Maintenance facilities have numerous HVAC systems that must be maintained for proper operation for creature comfort, process efficiencies and avoidance of permit violations.

The anticipated contract value was \$3,000,000 for a term of five years. The bids included labor and material for a one-year average.

Eight bids were received on December 22, 2020. Bids ranged from \$328,927.50 to \$407,539.37. The Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal for this contract was 8%. Seven of the eight lowest bids were determined to be non-responsive and the sole responsive, responsible bidder was 24 percent higher than the lowest bidder.

### Rationale

Rejection of bids exceeding \$2,500,000 requires Council authorization.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain MCES HVAC systems.

### Funding

Funding for this contract is funded with annual operation budgets from each MCES location.

### Known Support / Opposition

None.