

Transportation Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of May 26, 2021

Subject: Metro Transit Bus Diesel Fuel Supply-2021, Contract 21P062

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a 4-year contract with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. to provide bus diesel fuel and delivery services in an amount not to exceed \$49,015,779.39.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Chamblis asked about the location of the company. Chamblis brought up the size and demographic profile of the lowest responsible and responsive bidders.

Motion by Cummings, seconded by Zeran. Motion carried.

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Meeting date: May 10, 2021

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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services
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Division/Department:	Metro Transit

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Background

Metro Transit has 875 diesel powered buses and requires a new contract to provide Ultra-Low Sulfur Biodiesel fuel to operate. Prices quoted are based on daily index prices and estimated annual usage quantities.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on March 3, 2021. There were eleven plan holders of which nine were diesel fuel suppliers and one supplier identified as a small business enterprise.

A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the bid requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 6, 2021 and received six bids.

The Office of Equal Opportunity did not set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business goal for this project based on subcontracting opportunities in this market.

Rationale

Six bids were received ranging from \$49,015,779.40 to \$50,519,823.50. Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc. was the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder and is recommended for award. The award and execution of a goods procurement in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This project advances the Thrive outcomes of Livability, Sustainability and Equity by improving access to transportation choices for all residents across race, ethnicity, and economic means, while utilizing an environmentally responsible Ultra-Low Sulfur Biodiesel fuel.

Funding

Funding is available in the Metro Transit annual operating budget.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to the proposed action.