

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 14, 2021

Subject: Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Phase II, Contract 20P182

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract for the Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements Phase II, MCES Project Numbers 807401, Contract No. 20P182, with Total Mechanical, for an amount not to exceed \$15,665,585.70.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

No comments or questions.

The proposed action was approved and forwarded to the July 14, 2021 Council meeting for approval.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: July 13, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of July 14, 2021

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District(s), Member(s): Council District 16, Wendy Wulff
Policy/Legal Reference: FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented: Heidi Hutter, 651-602-1026; Rene Heflin, 651-602-1077
Division/Department: MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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Background

This project implements the following items from the Council approved Empire Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Improvements Facility Plan adopted April 2013, Business Item 2013-193: digester conversion to increase solids processing capacity; complete biogas treatment to support energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; and combined heat and power to generate heat and electricity for on-site use.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on March 25, 2021. There were fifty-six plan holders, eleven prime bidders, forty-one subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, four plan rooms, and eight plan holders identified as woman, minority, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Council staff facilitated a public pre-bid meeting that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquires. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 27, 2021 and two bids were received.

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of nine percent (9%). OEO determined that the DBE requirements for this contract have been met.

Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$15,665,585.70 to \$15,802,000.00. Total Mechanical Services, Inc. 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 supports the Thrive outcome of Stewardship, Sustainability and Livability as the work supports efforts to maintain the region’s wastewater treatment system.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2021 Authorized Capital Program.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.