Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 26, 2022

Subject: Mechanical Pipefitting Services for all Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Facilities, Contract 21P247

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 21P247 with Corval Constructors Inc. to provide Mechanical Pipefitting Services for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services facilities in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

Committee Member Zeran inquired about the contract period. Staff clarified this is a 3-year contract with an option to extend for 2 additional years.

Committee Member Zeran also asked if it was typical for the contract period to start at 3 years. Staff confirmed it was thoughtfully considered with Procurement to set a term of three years with options for additional extensions to allow for rate increases based on the industry. The Council has the option to decline increased rates and return to the bidding process this affords price control, accountability and transparency. It allows us to maintain the staffing levels we need. In addition, Corval participates in apprenticeship programs, so we may be able to utilize 3rd, 4th & 5th year apprentices who could mirror minority populations across the region.

Committee Member Sterner inquired if there was an engineer's estimate for the procurement. Staff stated there was an estimate and the bids were close to that estimate.

The proposed action was approved and forwarded to the January 26, 2022 Council meeting for approval.

Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 11, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 26, 2022

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District(s), Member(s): All

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

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Background

This contract provides Mechanical Pipefitting Services for all MCES locations. The council wastewater treatment plants and regional maintenance facilities have many piping systems that convey several types of liquids, solids and steam, along with many pressure vessels, and other equipment that requires special licenses to maintain and make repairs. A multi-year time and material contract with options for extensions will allow us to efficiently provide the level of service required for these systems and equipment to be properly maintained, repaired and replaced as needed for reliable operation, safety and environmental protection.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on October 18, 2021. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were ten registered plan holders; four prime bidders, two subcontractors, one supplier and three plan rooms. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on November 18, 2021, and three bids were received.

Rationale

The three bids received, ranged from \$6,565,147.50 to \$7,352,672.40. Corval Constructors is the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder and recommended for award. The execution of a non-construction contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

Funding

Funds are available through the annual operating budget from each MCES location.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.