

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: March 22, 2022

For the Metropolitan Council: April 13, 2022

Business Item: 2022-82

System Scaffolding Services for All Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Locations

Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

Staff confirmed this is a renewal of a contract that is due to expire.

Committee Member Sterner asked if we have explored training staff to handle the work. Staff stated we have considered; however, the scaffolding inventory & manpower required along with the complexity of the scaffold is not cost efficient nor time efficient for staff. It is not a part of our core competency.

Committee Member Zeran concurred with staff that the scaffolding needed is logistically complex and not the best use of time for staff to handle. We don't want to own all the materials required. He stated this is a great example of proper use of Council funds.

Motion by Zeran, seconded by Vento. Motion carried.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods and Services Greater than \$500,000
Staff Prepared/Presented:	John Tierney, Manager, Mechanical Maintenance, 651-602-8307
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Background

The Metropolitan Council Wastewater Treatment Facilities have numerous instances where work must be performed at elevations above grade. A multi-year time and material contract will allow us to efficiently provide the services required to safely access and maintain our systems.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised January 7, 2022. 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 six registered plan holders, two prime bidders, two subcontractors, and two plan rooms. Procurement facilitated a bid opening on February 17, 2022, and two bids were received.

Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$865,524 to \$954,480. API Construction Co. is the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award. The execution of a non-construction contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

These services can only be provided by qualified competent technicians with the technical knowledge, skills, certification, and equipment to complete the work. The work can fluctuate from month to month, is not consistent, and the type and amount of scaffolding can vary greatly from job to job; therefore, it is economically feasible to use contractors to supply these services.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Authorization to award this contract supports the thrive outcome of Stewardship and Sustainability by using public financial resources efficiently to safely maintain our regions wastewater collection systems infrastructure.

Funding

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

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.

