

# Committee Report

Environment Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** December 13, 2022

**For the Metropolitan Council:** January 11, 2023

## Business Item: 2022-309

Hasting Wastewater Treatment Plant Owner's Agent

### Proposed Action

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### Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- CM Sterner: When we build the new plant what is the compacity of growth?
- Staff responded: We projected growth out through 2050, which is the 30-year planning period. At this time, we are proposing to build that plant at 3 MGD, which is about three quarters of an MGD larger than the current facility.

Motion by CM Wulff, seconded by CM Sterner. Motion carried.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 13, Wendy Wulff
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Heidi Hutter, Principal Engineer, 651-602-1026
<b>Division/Department:</b>	MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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### Background

The Facility Plan, which was adopted by the Council on February 23, 2022, recommends relocating the Hastings Wastewater Treatment Plant from downtown Hastings to Council-owned property at 2445 Ravenna Trail. This project will help meet the capacity needs of the long-term service area and respond to potential future regulatory requirements within the 30-yr planning period.

The work of the Facility Plan was generally grouped into three categories: a new lift station and conveyance system, a new wastewater treatment plant and outfall, and decommissioning of the existing wastewater treatment plant. The owner's agent contract will provide environmental site work, permitting support, supplemental planning activities, preliminary engineering evaluations, and design-build project delivery support for the wastewater treatment plant.

The Request for Proposals was issued August 2, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications and responded to plan holder inquires. There were thirty registered plan holders, twenty-four consultants, four subcontractors, two plan rooms, and four of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

On September 22, 2022, the Council received three proposals to be evaluated for the consideration of award. The evaluation panel consisted of Council staff, external stakeholders, and technical advisors. The criteria used to evaluate the proposals were: the quality of the proposal, the experience of the proposer, the qualifications of the proposer, and price. The evaluation panel reached consensus that the proposal submitted by Black and Veatch Corporation provides the best overall value to the Council.

## **Rationale**

The execution of a professional services contract exceeding \$500,000 requires Council approval.

## **Thrive Lens Analysis**

This action advances the Thrive Outcome of Stewardship by efficiently and effectively preserving our regional wastewater treatment plant assets.

## **Funding**

Funding is provided in the 2022 Authorized Capital Program.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 13% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that Black and Veatch Corporation met the MCUB requirements for this solicitation.

