

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: May 8, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: May 24, 2023

Business Item: 2023-88

St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn, Contract 22P362

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 22P362 with HDR Engineering, INC for design and construction support services related to St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn, in an amount not to exceed \$3,816,416.70.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussions/Questions

Metro Transit Principal Engineer Neal Knopik presented this item. Vento inquired about the location's security and safety factor and if the design firm would also be doing construction oversight. Metro Transit Acting General Manager Lesley Kandaras mentioned the security question would be looked into. Knopik clarified that this contract would also include both design and construction support. Chair Barber mentioned that security is a high priority at both OMF's and that a tour of both would happen in the future. Dolkar inquired about who was on the panels that decided the contract, asked about cleaning and notification of biohazards and who would be building the building and when that might happen. Metropolitan Council Procurement Director Jody Jacoby responded that the panel was made up of subject matter experts and outlined the process. Knopik clarified the anticipated timeline of the project and who would be allowed to bid on the building. Kandaras clarified biohazards on the trains.

Moved by Vento, seconded by Carter, Tyronne. Motion carried. Consent to Council.

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District(s), Member(s):	District 13 (Lee)
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2, Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, Acting General Manager, 612-349-7513 Brian Funk, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7514 Nick Thompson, Deputy General Manager, 612-349-7507 Marilyn Porter, Director of Engineering & Facilities, 612-349-7689 Neal Knopik, Principal Engineer, 612-463-6530
Division/Department:	Metro Transit – Engineering & Facilities

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Background

This contract will be for consultant services for the site information assessment, environmental review, design, cost estimates and construction support of a new Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) storage facility building and associated track at the Green-Line St. Paul Operation and Maintenance Facility (OMF), located at 340 North Broadway Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

This project will construct a 40,000SF LRV storage building that will house six light rail trains (18 cars total), have approximately 40 employee parking spots, include a restroom and area to store cleaning supplies, have a mezzanine to assist with minor maintenance, have minimal heating to melt snow off trains, have minimal lighting and make use of natural light if possible, security camera and perimeter fence. This project may include a second Traction Power Substation should a power study deem it necessary. The project will include replacement of the discontinued Siemens S7 Signal Controllers. The S7 and other existing system components will be kept as extras for other Metro Transit facilities. Finally, this project will be constructed on property already owned by the Council.

A Request for Proposal was issued on November 7th, 2022. A pre-proposal meeting was hosted by Council staff on November 17th that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were twenty-two registered plan holders. The Council received four proposals to be evaluated for consideration for award.

In accordance with the Brooks Act, the evaluation of proposals followed a two-step process. An evaluation panel, consisting of Council staff, project partners and subject matter experts, reviewed the proposal and ranked the technical merits of the proposer.

Following approval of the evaluation panel findings, conclusions, and recommendation, the costing data of the proposer was reviewed by a negotiation panel that negotiated pricing and agreed that the final prices have been determined to be fair and reasonable and recommend the HDR Engineering, Inc. proposal as the most advantageous to the Council.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes *prosperity* and *sustainability* by ensuring the region's existing transit resources are maintained in a state of good repair, thereby providing efficient and reliable service.

Funding

Funds for design are available within Project 64114 St. Paul OMF LRV Storage Barn.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) set a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 15%. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the requirements of this contract.

