

Committee Report

Transportation Committee



Committee Meeting Date: October 23, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: November 8, 2023

Business Item: 2023-240

Contract for Trench and Sump Cleaning, Contract 23P078

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an agreement (#23P078) with ROM, Inc. for the purpose of providing trench and sump cleaning services not to exceed \$563,256 over the next five years.

Summary of Transportation Committee Discussion/Questions

Metro Transit Manager of Facility Systems Mike Maddio and Metropolitan Council Chief Procurement Officer Jody Jacoby presented this item. Chamblis asked if staff could elaborate on the wide range of price in the bids. Jacoby stated that there were three competitive bids received, with two of the bids close in value and that one bid was extraordinarily high. presented this item. Maddio added that the current low bid is similar to other bids for work of this nature.

Motion by Carter, Toni, seconded by Pacheco. Motion carried, Consent to Council.



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District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Lesley Kandaras, General Manager, 612-349-7510 Brian Funk, Deputy General Manager, COO, 612-349-7507 Marilyn Porter, Director of Engineering and Facilities, 612-349-7689 Mike Maddio, Manager of Facility Systems, 612-349-7637
Division/Department:	Metro Transit/Engineering and Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P078 with ROM, Inc. to provide cleaning services for sumps, sand traps, trench and plumbing drains that will support Metro Transit Engineering and Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$563,256.

Background

The Engineering and Facilities 2023 – 2028 maintenance budget will request future budget authority for funding associated with the routine maintenance of Council assets, including plumbing and drain systems to remove excess water and fluids from Transit operated facilities. Properly functioning drain systems are essential for building maintenance related to work to maintain a State of Good Repair required by the FTA.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on July 5, 2023. A pre-bid meeting was hosted by Council staff that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were sixteen plan holders, ten prime bidders, three subcontractors, three plan rooms, and seven of the plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Council staff facilitated a public bid opening on August 8, 2023, and three bids were received. Bids ranged from \$563,256 to \$3,308,765, and ROM, Inc. was the low, responsive, responsible bidder and recommended for award.

Rationale

The execution of a non-construction services contract that exceeds \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action promotes Stewardship through needed rehabilitation and maintenance of existing Metro Transit assets.

Funding

The Engineering and Facilities 2023 – 2028 maintenance budget will request future budget authority for funding associated with contract 23P078.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 6% for this project. OEEO has determined that the recommended bidder has met the Council’s MCUB contract requirements for this project.

