

# Committee Report

Environment Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** January 23, 2024

**For the Metropolitan Council:** February 14, 2024

## Business Item: 2024-29

Lake Elmo West End Connection, Project No. 808687, Contract 23P076

### Proposed Action

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### Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- CM Wulff asked: How does the bid compare to the engineers estimate?
- Staff responded: I don't remember the exact figure. I think it was around \$25 to \$26 million dollars. It is within the range of the Capital Improvement budget.
- CM Cameron: The MCUB goal seem relatively small for this bid, can you provide more details?
- Staff responded: The project goal was based on the scope of the work. We don't have a lot of MCUB firms that can perform when the work is in the area of interceptors. There are 8 MCUB firms that are participating on this project. We are confident that the goal for this project is appropriate.

Motion by CM Morales, seconded by CM Osman. Motion carried.



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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 12 Susan Vento; District 13, Chai Lee
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 - Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services, and Real Estate Policy
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Tim Wedin, Assistant Manager, 651-602-4571
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Environmental Services

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### Background

The contract to be awarded is to construct an extension of the MCES 1-WO-500 interceptor to provide regional wastewater service to southwestern Lake Elmo. Lake Elmo currently utilizes the City of Oakdale's sanitary sewer to reach the MCES system. The extension of regional wastewater service provided by the Lake Elmo West Connection project will replace the local sanitary sewer and is needed at this time to meet the wastewater capacity requirements of ongoing development in the area. Development of this portion of Lake Elmo was identified in the City's comprehensive plan.

The Invitation for Bids was advertised on October 23, 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 sixty-three plan holders, twelve prime bidders, fifteen suppliers, twenty-eight subcontractors, five consultants, three plan rooms, and thirteen plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on December 12, 2023, and two bids were received.

### Rationale

The two bids received ranged from \$28,795,749 to \$31,654,385. Engineering & Construction Innovations, Inc. is the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award. The execution of a construction contract more than \$10,000,000 requires Council approval.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and the Thrive principle of collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

## **Funding**

This project will be funded through local funding.

## **Small Business Inclusion**

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) assigned a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of 5% for this solicitation. OEEO determined that the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

