

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: June 11, 2024

For the Metropolitan Council: June 26, 2024

Business Item: 2024-151

Programmable Logic Controller Procurement, Contract 23P244

Proposed Action

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Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- CM Wulff asked: Was the bid in the range that we expected it to be?
- Staff responded: The bid was lower than my initial estimate. The prices that we got for this bid were in line with what we've seen for similar procurements.
- CM Lindstrom asked: Were you expecting more bids? Did they win the bid for the other programmable logic controllers in the past?
- Staff responded: Yes, they won the bid last year. There was an adequate competition determination done at that time.
- CM Osman asked: Does the bid include the installation of the parts?
- Staff responded: No, it's a goods only purchase. The installation will be done through other means.

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



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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:	Roger Rehbein, Principal Engineer, 651-602-1568
Division/Department:	Environmental Services / Plant Engineering

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P244 with Border States Industries Inc. to provide programmable logic controller parts for Environmental Services water resource recovery facilities in an amount not to exceed \$1,081,473.30.

Background

Programmable logic controllers control and monitor the treatment processes at Environmental Services water resource recovery facilities. The parts purchased under this contract will replace outdated programmable logic controllers for which spare parts are no longer available at the Metropolitan, Empire, and Seneca water resource recovery facilities.

An Invitation for Bids was issued on March 26, 2024. 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 ten registered plan holders; nine suppliers and one plan room, and three plan holders identified as minority, woman, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on April 24, 2024, and received one bid for \$1,081,473.30 from Border States Industries Inc. An Adequate Competition Determination found this procurement was competed through an open solicitation with no indication of restrictive specifications or requirements. Border States Industries Inc was determined to be the lowest responsible, responsive bidder and is being recommended for award.

Rationale

The execution of a goods 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 water resource recovery facilities' assets.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2024 Authorized Capital Program for this contract.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEO) thoroughly reviewed this procurement for Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) opportunities in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations as well as contract specifications. Upon conclusion of OEEO's research and analysis, no MCUB goal was set.

