

Committee Report

Environment Committee



Committee Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

For the Metropolitan Council: January 10, 2024

Business Item: 2023-301

Metro and Seneca Ash Transport and Disposal, Contract 23P089

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute contract 23P089 to Dem-CON Trucking, LLC to provide waste incinerator ash disposal services at the Metropolitan and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants in an amount not to exceed \$2,745,000.

Summary of Environment Committee Discussion/Questions

- CM Cederberg asked: Does the disposal have to be covered or is it used for surface landfill?
- Staff responded: It is not used as service coverage. It is covered.
- CM Wulff asked: Are we pursuing any additional research on recycling our ash instead of landfill use?
- Staff responded: The council will continue to explore ash beneficial reuse as the analytical methods and regulatory requirements and framework for pfas become clearer.
- CM Lindstrom asked: How many tons of ash is created?
- Staff responded: About 17,000 between the two plants. There is about 15,000 tons at Metro and 2,000 at Seneca.
- Cm Osman asked: The MCUB goal is 4 percent, what was the actual number?
- Staff responded: The actual commitment is 55 percent.

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:	Joseph Ward, Assistant Manager Process Engineering, R&D, and Air Quality, 651-602-8302
Division/Department:	MCES, Operational Support Services

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Background

Ash is the residual waste product remaining after solids incineration at both the Metropolitan (Metro) and Seneca Wastewater Treatment Plants. This contract will provide transportation and disposal of ash from both Metro and Seneca. A previous contract was awarded in November 2018 and is now up for renewal.

An Invitation for Bids was advertised on July 13, 2023. Council staff facilitated a public pre-bid meeting that outlined the solicitation requirements, discussed project specifications, and responded to plan holder inquiries. There were seven registered planholders, three prime bidders, three subcontractors, one plan room, and two planholders identified as minority, woman, veteran, small, or disadvantaged business enterprises.

Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on August 16, 2023 and received three bids. Bids ranged from \$999,120 to \$1,265,500. Dem-CON Trucking LLC was determined to be the low, responsive, responsible bidder and is being recommended for award.

Dem-CON's landfill is located in Shakopee, MN and is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Dakota County.

This contract will be for a period of two years with an option to extend for three additional one-year periods. The total cost for this service during the term of the contract is dependent on waste ash production, which is estimated at approximately 16,350 tons per year. The not to exceed amount includes the estimated cost for the Council to exercise all additional contract extension options.

Rationale

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

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain proper operation of the Metropolitan Disposal System which protects the region's natural resources

Funding

Funds are available in the Metro and Seneca operating budgets.

Small Business Inclusion

The Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity (OEEEO) set a Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) goal of four percent (4%). OEEEO determined the firm being recommended for award has met the MCUB requirements of this contract.

