

# Committee Report

Environment Committee



**Committee meeting date:** March 11, 2025

**For the Metropolitan Council:** March 26, 2025

## Business Item: 2025-72

Odor Control Media, Contract 24P174

### Proposed action

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### Summary of Environment Committee discussion/questions

- CM Wulff asked: The units appear to be located around the Lake Minnetonka area, why is that?
- Staff responded: The locations of the units themselves are based on a multitude of factors. They are all over the metropolitan area for various reasons.
- CM Carter: Do you typically have more concentration of interceptors where manufacturing is taking place?
- Staff responded: I wouldn't say that's not a consistent factor.
- CM Lee asked: How are coconut shells being used in the process?
- Staff: Coconut shells are another type of manufactured media process, typically used in impregnated carbon dried from hardwood or coal.
- CM Cederberg: How long is this purchase good for?
- Staff responded: For five years.

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

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<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	All
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	FM 14-2 – Expenditures for the Procurement of Goods, Services and Real Estate Policy.
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Wayde Schroeder, Assistant Business Unit Manager (651) 602-4551 Carol Blommel Johnson, Director, Interceptor Services (651) 602-4525
<b>Division/Department:</b>	Environmental Services – Interceptor Services

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### Background

MCES owns and operates over thirty odor control units throughout the region that mitigate odors associated with the regional wastewater system. These units require periodic replacement of various types of media. The work is performed by MCES staff.

The Invitation for bids was advertised on November 21, 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 fifteen plan holders, fourteen suppliers, one plan room, and two of the plan holders identified as woman, minority, small, veteran, or disadvantaged business enterprises. Procurement facilitated a public bid opening on December 5, 2024, and five bids were received.

The odor control media cost ranged from \$61.98 per cubic foot (CF) to \$92.69/CF for the four different types of media used. Annual expenditures are estimated to be \$454,000 to \$870,000 over a five-year period with price adjustments based on the Activated Carbon market.

Purafil, Inc., was the low, responsive, and responsible bidder and recommended for award.

### Rationale

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

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability. Public financial resources will be invested responsibly and efficiently to maintain our region's wastewater collection system and assets, which protect the region's natural resources.

## **Funding**

Project funding is included in the 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Operations and Maintenance Budget.

## **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.

