

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: December 8, 2014

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 10, 2014

Subject: Authorization to award and execute a contract for the purchase of Bus Passenger Waiting Shelters

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Good and Services

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Division/Department: Metro Transit/Engineering & Facilities

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Brasco International, for the purchase of 200 bus passenger waiting shelters at a cost of \$1,094,350.

Background

Metro Transit’s Facilities Maintenance staff installs and maintains bus passenger waiting shelters at various locations throughout Metro Transit’s service area. During 2014, several opportunities to install and maintain additional shelters were identified, including: 1) along bus routes interconnecting with the Green Line, 2) along bus routes serving the Northwest Corridor area, 3) along bus routes in racially concentrated areas of poverty, and 4) replacing advertising shelters in Minneapolis previously owned by CBS Outdoor. With these new opportunities coupled with the continuing replacement of older shelters, between 150 and 200 shelters were identified as being required in 2015. This purchase seeks to secure up to 200 new bus passenger waiting shelters of various sizes and, in some instances, with advertising panels, as an initial order. In addition, the purchase provide the Council with the option to order up to an additional 300 new bus passenger waiting shelters (of the same design) during the 2-year period at the prices quoted for the original 200 shelters.

On November 25, 2014, 2 bids were received and opened publicly. The bids ranged from \$1,094,350 to \$1,210,405. The Independent Cost Estimate (ICE) for the purchase was \$1,300,000. A 0.0% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal was assigned to the project. The bid compares favorably to the ICE with the both bids being less than the ICE.

Rationale

The execution of a contract for purchase of goods and services in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.



Funding

Funding for this project is authorized and available in Projects 63852, 62403, 62319, and 63114.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.