

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: February 9, 2015

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 11, 2015

Subject: Metro Transit Police Department Facility Design

District(s), Member(s): District 7, Gary L. Cunningham

Policy/Legal Reference: Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Procurement of Architectural and Engineering 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 an architectural & engineering contract with Snow Kreilich Architects for design and construction support services in the amount of \$1,648,577 for a new Metro Transit Police Department headquarters.

Background

The Metro Transit Police Department has grown in size in recent years, resulting in the need for additional space to adequately house the increasing staff numbers and equipment. In late 2012, efforts were launched to design and construct a new headquarters on Development Parcel A at Target Field Station. Those efforts ceased in early 2014 following an inability to reach agreements with the co-developer and the property owner.

Efforts to locate a new site and re-start the design process were initiated in early 2014 with the identification of potential sites on the FT Heywood campus and the development of a new request for proposals (RFP). An RFP was issued on September 18, 2014 seeking proposals for design and construction support services. Seven firms responded to the Council's RFP. An evaluation panel ranked the proposals in accordance with Council procedures for projects funded with federal dollars. The evaluation panel is recommending award of an architectural-engineering services contract to Snow Kreilich Architects for a cost of \$1,648,577, as being most advantageous to the Council. This cost compares favorably with staff's Independent Cost Estimate of \$1,868,578.

Snow Kreilich Architects passed an OEO review of its proposed DBE participation in the contract.

Rationale

The execution of an architectural-engineering contract in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding for this project is authorized and available in Project 63219.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this project.