

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: October 24, 2016

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of November 9, 2016

Subject:	Authorization to Award and Execute Master Contracts for Materials Testing and Inspection Services for Metro Transit Projects – Contract 16P011
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Expenditure Policy 3-3 Expenditure, Minnesota Statute 473.1565, Minnesota Statute 114D.50
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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 four contracts, totaling \$1,000,000 with American Engineering Testing, Inc., Braun Intertec Corporation, Northern Technologies, LLC and WSB & Associates, Inc. for material testing and inspection services.

Background

A solicitation was advertised on April 12, 2016. There were eleven document holders and five proposals were received on May 12, 2016. The panel found the four vendors listed below to be of the most advantageous to the Council.

The value of each master contract will be:

American Engineering Testing, Inc.	\$350,000
Braun Intertec Corporation	\$350,000
Northern Technologies, LLC	\$150,000
WSB & Associates, Inc.	\$150,000

Rationale

Metro Transit has successfully utilized Master Contracts for a variety of engineering related services since 2001. Master Contracts have saved staff time and minimized project costs, as aligned with the Thrive principle of Stewardship. In addition, up to four contracts were sought to provide opportunity to multiple vendors. Execution of master contracts in excess of \$500,000 requires Council approval.

Funding

Funding is provided upon execution of a work order and will be the related capital project funding or Engineering & Facilities operating funding for each project.

Known Support / Opposition

None