

Transportation Committee

Meeting date: November 26, 2018

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 12, 2018

Subject: Southwest Light Rail Transit (Green Line Extension) Contract Award for Wetland Technical Support

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minnesota Statute 473.3999; Metropolitan Council Procedure 3-3

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council (Council) authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract for Wetland Technical Support for the Southwest LRT Project (SWLRT) in an amount not to exceed \$695,618.07 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA).

Background

The Council is requesting proposals for a consultant to provide technical support during and after construction to ensure compliance with wetland permit requirements. The U.S. Army Corps Section 404 Permit and local permit requirements include field inspections, observation and report preparation before, during, and after construction in and near wetland areas. The contract will extend to 2027 to monitor and maintain the health of wetland areas five growing seasons post-construction, per the permitting requirements.

This contract services include the following wetland technical services during and after construction: preparation of restoration and monitoring plans for construction activities in wetland areas; assistance with permitting agency coordination; monitoring wetland sites post-construction for soil performance and vegetation establishment/maintenance; and performing post-construction maintenance and restoration activities during the 5-year post-construction monitoring period.

On February 2, 2018, the Council issued a Request for Proposal for Wetland Technical Services and on April 5, 2018, received 4 proposals. This procurement was a Brooks Act procurement. The evaluation panel selected KHA as the most technically qualified proposer. Following the evaluation panel's selection, the negotiation panel negotiated a price of \$695,618.07 for the Wetland Technical Services contract.

The OEO determined that the Wetland Technical Services contract does not require any DBE participation.

Rationale

The work performed under this contract is required to fulfill the requirements of the U.S. Army Corps Section 404 Permit and other local permit requirements.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Construction of the Green Line Extension will increase the region's prosperity as it will provide access to 80,900 forecasted jobs and a new transportation option for 55,000 forecasted residents within ½ mile of the planned new stations in addition to the 145,300 forecasted jobs and 35,600 forecasted residents downtown Minneapolis.

Funding

Funds for this contract are included in the project budget and are eligible project costs that will be funded 46% by the Federal Transit Administration and 54% by local funding partners.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition to this action.