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Mr. Paul Oehme
Funding and Programming Chair
Metropolitan Council
390 Robert St. North
St. Paul, MN 55101-1805

RE: Anoka County Federal Funding Transfer Request

Dear Mr. Oehme:

The purpose of this letter is to request your consideration and support of a federal funding transfer request between three Anoka County projects.

Anoka County proposes to transfer federal aid funding from the 2022 TH 47/CSAH 116 Intersection Area Improvement project in the cities of Anoka and Ramsey, and the 2023 CSAH 22 Bridge project over the Rum River in the city of Oak Grove, to the 2021 Foley Blvd Railroad Grade Separation project in the city of Coon Rapids. The following table summarizes the current and proposed federal funding details for each project:

Project No.	Project Name	Allocation Year	Awarded Funding	Proposed Funding	Funding Source
002-611-036	CSAH 11 (Foley Blvd) RR Grade Separation	2021	\$7,000,000	\$10,304,296	STBGP
002-716-020	TH 47/CSAH 116 Intersection Area Improvement	2022	\$1,868,000	\$0	STBGP
002-622-036	CSAH 22 Bridge over the Rum River	2023	\$1,436,296	\$0	STBGP

The current estimated construction cost for project SP 002-611-036 is \$19,914,120. The requested transfer of federal funds would increase the percentage of federal funding from 35.2% to 51.7% on said project. Anoka County will use State Aid and/or local funds to close the gap created by the proposed transfer of funds.

Each of these projects are priorities for the county and local communities. Anoka County commits to following the State Aid process and associated requirements in the delivery of projects SP 002-622-036 and SP 002-716-020. This commitment will be solidified through the adoption of a county board resolution agreeing to repay the region if, for any reason, the projects are not delivered.

If you would like to discuss the details of the request in more detail, please contact me at (763) 324-3103, or doug.fischer@co.anoka.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Douglas W. Fischer, PE
Transportation Division Manager/County Engineer

Purpose

Grow the pool of TGBs, DBEs, Vets and other small businesses capable of performing ADA inspection and construction in accordance with MnDOT specs.

- Small businesses gain greater opportunities in the market place to make infrastructure accessible to all Minnesotans.
- Small businesses gain the benefits from acting as a prime.
- MnDOT earns community trust by using its contracting power to reduce economic disparities.

Results through 6/30/19

1. 16 construction and 12 inspection contracts awarded in Metro since June 2018.
 - Total value construction contracts = \$712,880; average value \$44,500.
 - Total value inspection contracts = \$280,000.
2. All construction contracts were awarded to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) and Targeted Group Businesses (TGB) even though MnDOT cannot restrict competition and must take the lowest quote.
 - 3 African-American-owned TGBs/DBEs won 12 construction contracts.
 - 1 woman-owned TGB won 4.
 - 10 small businesses quoted one or more construction contracts.
3. Inspection contracts were awarded to 4 TGBs/DBEs, including 3 minority-owned.
4. Seeing is believing: contractors requesting quote packages increased from 30 in June 2018 to 160 today; this year, twice as many small businesses enrolled in ADA-related trainings through Lake Superior College and MnDOT compared to last year.
5. The Pilot represented about 5% of MnDOT's FY19 ADA improvements.

Approach

1. Train small businesses in the basics of ADA specifications.
2. Identify walkways and ped ramps that require basic ADA refurbishment.
3. Contract the work using quick and simple contracting methods so businesses can demonstrate and develop their capacity.
4. Provide intensive support and feedback to contractors throughout.
5. Right-size contracts to reflect capacity of small businesses and to avoid attracting larger, more capable contractors.

Key Findings and Recommendations from First Season

1. The approach demonstrates an effective method of training ADA inspectors and construction contractors.
2. Waiving bond requirements opens the door for more small businesses.
3. 90% of surveyed businesses said they would quote on future ADA Pilot contracts.
4. 24% of small businesses surveyed said they did not have sufficient funds to bid on projects.
5. 24% of surveyed small businesses said they did not quote because they "already had too much work."
6. Dedicated staffing and funds are needed to sustain efforts and scale up.
7. To be more competitive, contractors need to be able to perform more complex ADA work, e.g. related to signals, utilities.
8. MnDOT's approach to developing small projects should be on a scale consistent with the value of small projects.
9. Broadcast and solicit quotes earlier in and throughout the season.



Comments from Small Businesses

"It's clear MnDOT is wanting to work with small businesses" *MN Best*

"Now I have the option to sub on different types of work" *Pride Cleanup*

"I was used to focusing on details of construction but ADA took that to a new level" *PES*

"It was a good experience and I would like to continue to work on these projects" *Create Construction*

"Bring the program to Greater MN" *MN Best*

"Was good to be able to pay a livable wage" *Pride Cleanup*

"The tight specifications were a challenge, but I grew to understand the necessity of each" *PES*

List of Completed Construction Contracts, June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

City	Location	Contractor	\$ Value
St. Paul	Beverly Rd & St. Anthony Ave.	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	\$22,895
St. Paul	St. Anthony Ave. & N. Kent St.	Perkins & Perkins	\$32,775
St. Paul	Concordia Ave, Lex. to Oxford	Create Construction	\$27,126
MPLS	SE 11th Ave. & Talmage Ave. SE	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	\$58,250
MTKA	TH7, Highland Frontage Rd.	Booker Construction	\$26,900
MTKA	TH7, Highland Frontage Rd.	Booker Construction	\$36,660
MPLS	32nd Ave. S. & 41st St.	Create Construction	\$55,515
MPLS	Buchanan St. & Winer St. NE	Perkins & Perkins	\$27,000
MPLS	E. Hennepin Ave. & SE 12th Ave.	Booker Construction	\$26,900
St. Paul	Oxford St. & St. Anthony	Perkins & Perkins	\$38,520
MPLS	Minnehaha Ave. & Cedar	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	\$53,490
St. Paul	St. Anthony Ave., Fry St. to Snelling	JD Pride/Pride Cleanup	\$85,579
MPLS	Cedar Ave. & Minnehaha	Booker Construction	\$73,805
MPLS	Cedar Ave. S. & I94	Booker Construction	\$74,493
MPLS	32 nd Ave. S & 42 nd St. E.	Create Construction	\$42,000
MPLS	36 th Ave. S & 46 th St. E.	Create Construction	<u>\$30,908</u>
			\$712,816

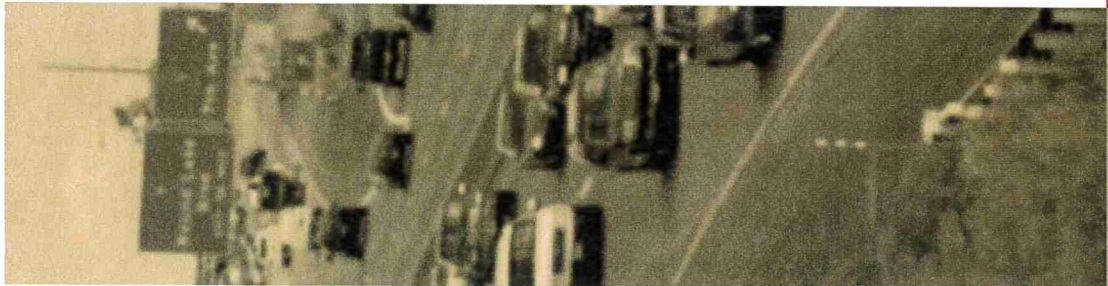
List of Professional/Technical ADA Inspection Contractors, June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

MN Best, Asian woman TGB & DBE, 4 contracts	\$90,000
Professional Engineering Services (PES), woman-owned TGB & DBE, 4 contracts	\$90,000
IMO Consulting Group, Hispanic-owned TGB & DBE, 3 contracts	\$75,000
Midwest Select Contracting, African-American woman TGB & DBE, 1 contract	<u>\$25,000</u>
	\$280,000

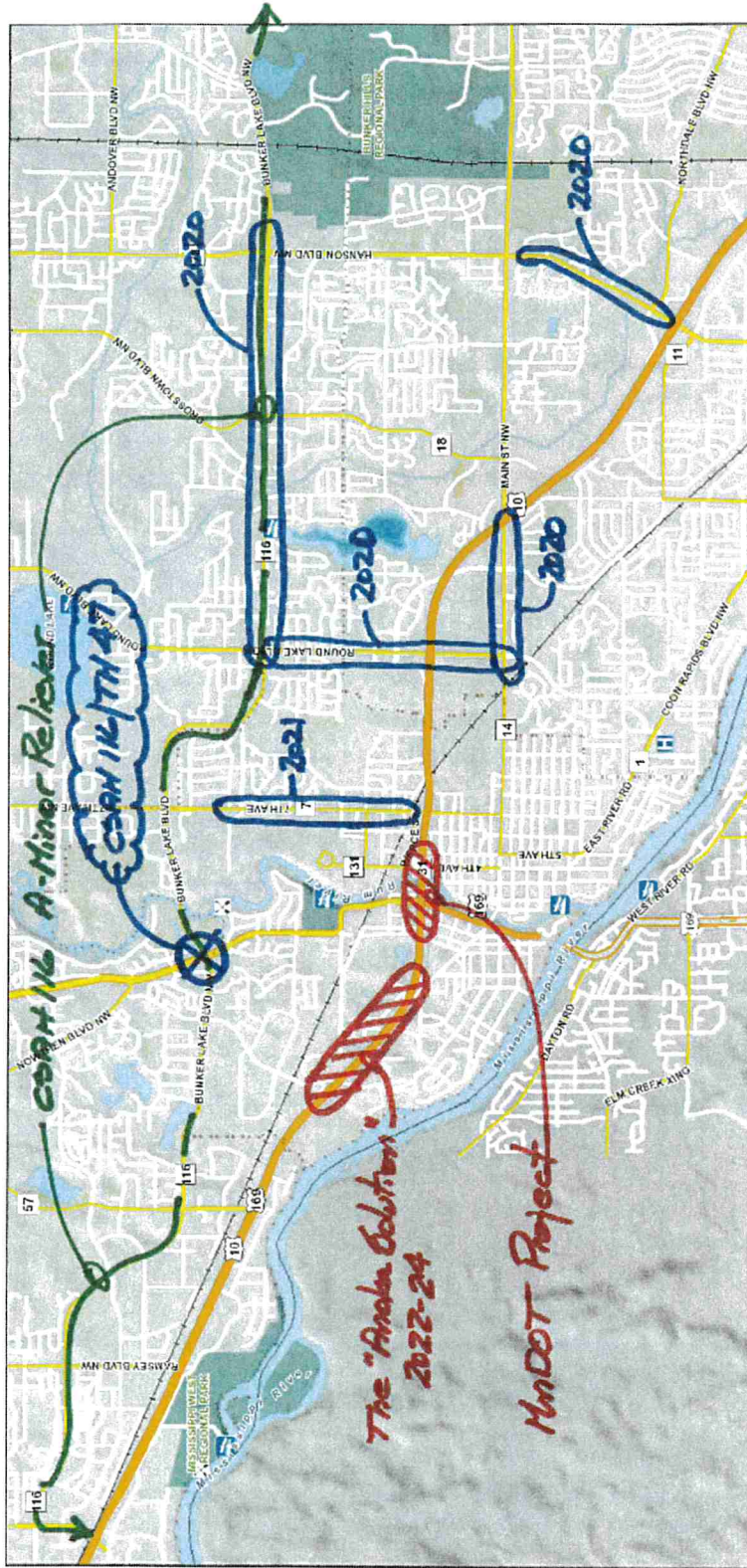
List of Businesses who Quoted 1 or more Construction Contracts, June 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Business Name	Number of Quotes	Number Awarded	Certification	Certification Status	Business Address
Booker Construction	12	5	DBE	B	336 WATER ST W, SAINT PAUL, MN 55109
Concrete Idea, Inc.	3	0	None	None	13961 44TH LN NE, ST MICHAEL, MN 55376
JD Pride, Pride Clean Up	12	4	TGB, DBE	B	77 7TH AVENUE NE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55413
IYAWE & Associates	1	0	TGB	B	2500 NEW BRIGHTON BLVD. MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55418
Perkins & Perkins Construction	11	3	DBE	B	3223 NORTH 45TH STREET, OMAHA, NE 68104
Create Construction	7	4	TGB	W	18517 100TH AVE N, MAPLE GROVE, MN 55311
Extreem Forestry, LLC	2	0	TGB, DBE	I	404 12TH ST. NW, ISANTI, MN 55040
Quad E Companies	3	0	TGB, DBE	W	23130 WOODLAND RIDGE DRIVE, LAKEVILLE, MN 55044
MN Concrete Specialties	1	0	None	None	6520 EDENVALE BLVD, EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55346
Chael Remodeling	1	0	TGB, DBE	H	2523 UPTON AVE NORTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411

B: African American-owned, H: Hispanic-owned, I: American Indian-owned, W: Woman-owned



Anoka County, MN



June 20, 2019

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